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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Mary Elizabeth Patience, devoted mother and tireless volunteer throughout her community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay just tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Patience, died on Wednesday, January 9, 2013, at the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Kingston, New York, for more than 50 years, Betty Patience was born on May 16, 1921, in Schenectady, New York, to William B. and Elizabeth V. McEvoy Pomeroy; and

WHEREAS, In 1939, Betty Patience graduated from St. Columba's High School, where she served as Secretary of her senior class; and

WHEREAS, Following high school, Betty Patience graduated from the Spencer School of Business; in the early 1950s, she attended Siena College in Loudonville, New York, and was a member of the Beta Omicron Sorority; and

WHEREAS, Prior to attending Siena College, Betty Patience accepted a position with General Electric, working in the Personnel Employment Office; she was responsible for screening employment submissions as well as interviewing applicants; and

WHEREAS, While at General Electric, Betty met Victor Patience; they were married on May 8, 1954, at St. Columba's Church; the couple relocated to the Kingston area in 1957, after Victor began working for IBM; and

WHEREAS, Together, Betty and Victor Patience owned and managed nine rental properties in both the Town of Ulster and in Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of her community, Betty Patience was a member of the General Electric Women's Club; the Schenectady County Women's Club; and the National Secretaries' Association where she served as Corresponding Secretary for the Schenectady Chapter for several years; and

WHEREAS, Having been active in politics in Schenectady, while living in Kingston, Betty Patience served the Town of Ulster as a Committeewoman for District 12, and was an election inspector for many years; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to her children, Betty Patience was an avid volunteer at St. Catherine Laboure School where her sons attended, and also at John A. Coleman Catholic High School, from which her sons graduated; furthermore, she was a Den Mother for Cub Scout Pack 39; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Betty and Victor established the Victor F. Patience and Mary Elizabeth Patience family scholarship endowment for the benefit of students attending John A. Coleman Catholic High School in Kingston; since its creation, over 75 scholarships have been granted to deserving scholars; and

WHEREAS, Imbued with an adventurous spirit, Betty Patience was an ardent traveler, having visited most of the 50 States and much of Europe; and

WHEREAS, Those fortunate to have known Betty Patience will remember her many random acts of kindness; this remarkable woman would frequently call neighbors in need of groceries or transportation, or just to say hello; she also not once, but twice saved the lives of people who were choking; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by her sisters, Alice Pomeroy and Ruth Tyndall, and her husband, Victor F. Patience, Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Patience is survived by her three sons, Victor Russell (Janet) Patience, Francis

William Patience and Thomas Michael (Lisa) Patience; three grandchildren, Colin William Thomson Patience, William Thomas Patience and Hannah Elizabeth Patience; and one brother, William B. Pomeroy; as well as four nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Patience was a woman of strong family values and unwavering loyalty whose warm smile and true kindness were generously given for the benefit of her family and her community; she will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the benevolent life of Mary Elizabeth Patience, and to express its deepest condolences to her family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Mary Elizabeth Patience.