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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Congressman David O'Brien Martin, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay 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, It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Congressman David O'Brien Martin, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, David O'Brien Martin died on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at the age of 68; and

WHEREAS, Born in St. Lawrence County, David O'Brien Martin was a graduate of Notre Dame University and Albany Law School; and

WHEREAS, A decorated Marine veteran, David O'Brien Martin honorably served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps from 1966-1970; and

WHEREAS, Congressman David O'Brien Martin distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, the year he graduated Albany Law, David O'Brien Martin was elected to the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators; and

WHEREAS, Following three years in county government, David O'Brien Martin rose quickly, serving in the New York State Assembly from 1977-1980; and

WHEREAS, David O'Brien Martin represented the North Country as a member of the United States Congress from 1981- 1993; and

WHEREAS, While in Congress, David O'Brien Martin was a member of the Committee on Armed Services for 10 years, serving as senior Republican member of the Military Installations Subcommittee and vice chairman of the Morale, Welfare and Recreational Panel, overseeing military commissaries, exchanges and related activities; he also served on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Congressman David O'Brien Martin was cred-

ited with helping to persuade the United States Army to station the reactivated 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum; and

WHEREAS, After Congress, David O'Brien Martin became a professor at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, and later an executive with soft-drink trade groups; he also founded a government affairs, consulting and marketing firm in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Congressman David O'Brien Martin's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, David O'Brien Martin was a large supporter of SUNY Canton and the North Country; he assisted the college in many ways throughout his career and dedicated much of his life to furthering the development of Fort Drum, its schools and community; and

WHEREAS, David O'Brien Martin is survived by his first wife, DeeAnn Hedlund, three daughters, and his second wife Dana McGee; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Congressman David O'Brien Martin leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Congressman David O'Brien Martin, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Congressman David O'Brien Martin.