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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION paying tribute to the distinguished life and career of Emanuel R. Gold, former New York State Senator

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in this great Empire State is indelibly enriched by the faithful and caring efforts of those who devoted their life to public service; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to commemorate the purposeful life and distinguished career of Emanuel R. Gold, former New York State Senator, and to express its sincerest sorrow upon the occasion of his death; and

WHEREAS, Emanuel R. Gold, known as "Manny," died on Thursday, January 24, 2013, at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, Born on August 25, 1935, in Brooklyn and raised in Laurelton, Queens, Emanuel R. Gold attended Stuyvesant High School, Cornell University of Arts and Sciences, and Cornell Law School; and

WHEREAS, Emanuel R. Gold began his illustrious career in public service by serving from 1965-1968 as Counsel to the Majority Leader of the New York State Assembly; in 1967, he served as Counsel to the Majority Leader of the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Emanuel R. Gold was elected to the Assembly at a Special Election and served in that chamber until his election to the Senate in a Special Election the following year; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, Emanuel R. Gold was selected by Governor Carey as the only Senate representative on the New York State Executive Advisory Committee on Sentencing; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Senator Gold authored a law which required that New York State's educational curriculum be expanded so that children are taught about human rights violations, including the Holocaust and slavery; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, he became ranking member of the powerful Finance Committee, a post he held until his 1998 retirement; and

WHEREAS, Among the more than 80 laws Emanuel R. Gold sponsored was the groundbreaking "Son of Sam" law, which blocked notorious criminals from

making money by peddling their stories; and

WHEREAS, His many other pieces of sponsored legislation included mandating that city hospitals provide emergency room treatment, requiring the labeling of prescription drug tablets and capsules for quick identification in medical emergencies, promoting access to public buildings for the disabled, and setting Banking Department rules for the computerized calculation of interest; and

WHEREAS, Emanuel R. Gold, a partner in the law firm of Jaspan Schlesinger, was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for his outstanding civic involvement; he served on the board of the Men's Club of the Jewish Center of Kew Gardens Hills, and was a trustee of that temple, as well as of the Kidney Foundation of New York; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man's diverse interests included photography, golf, music, both playing a variety of instruments and conducting symphony orchestras, and sports, having boxed while in college; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his two sons, Jeffrey and Adam Gold, Emanuel R. Gold is survived by his wife, Judith (Silberfein) Gold; and his children, Sue Gold, and Steve and Bonnie Gold; as well as his two granddaughters, Emily Borst and Jaclyn (Jackie) Gold; and

WHEREAS, A true gentleman of great compassion and sensitivity, Emanuel R. Gold's legacy extends far beyond his accomplishments as a successful public servant; his sincere concern for others; his integrity, unconditional friendship and selfless motivation to give of himself, will long

stand as a beacon for those who would aspire to service in their community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the distinguished life and career of Emanuel R. Gold, former New York State Senator, recognizing the significance of his exemplary record of public service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of the late Emanuel R. Gold.