DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Condolence: Ernest A. Arico

Resolution No. 2024196

The Dutchess County Legislature offers the following and moves its adoption:

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2024, the Dutchess County Legislature learned with great sadness and regret of the recent death of Ernest A. Arico at the age of 98, and

WHEREAS, Ernest was born on May 28, 1926, in Poughkeepsie, New York, to the late Anthony P. Arico and Laura Romanelli Arico, and

WHEREAS, Ernest served his country in the United States Navy from April 1944 to January 1952 during WWII and the Korean War, earning the Philippine Liberation Medal and the Japanese Occupation Medal, and

WHEREAS, on October 31, 1948, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Poughkeepsie, New York, Ernest married his wife, Gloria A. Roberts, who survives at home, and

WHEREAS, Ernest worked for IBM Poughkeepsie and East Fishkill for 35 years and was a 30-year Deputy Sheriff member of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Tactical Unit and held the rank of Master Sergeant. He served the State of New York in the New York Guard for 35 years and rose through the ranks from Sargeant to Brigadier General, holding various commands from Company Commander to Brigade Commander with his last 5 years as the New York Guard's Adjutant General. He earned many state awards including the New York State Conspicuous Service Medal and the 9/11 Defense of Freedom Medal (World Trade Center), and

WHEREAS, Ernest was a volunteer at St. Francis Hospital and Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital of Westchester, member of the IBM Quarter Century Club, Life Member of Elks Club BPOE 275, Endowment member of the NRA, Life Member of the New York Rifle and Pistol Association, Life Member of the Dutchess County Pistol Association, member of Mt. Carmel Holy Name Society, member of USS Columbus Veteran's Association, Life Member of Sampson WWII Navy Veterans, Life Member of US Navy Cruiser Sailor's Association, Life Member and former officer of VFW Post#170, Life Member and former Commander of American legion Post #37, and member of the New York State Guard Association. He had the privilege of going on the Hudson Valley Honor Flight for WWII Veterans, and

WHEREAS, in addition to his loving wife, Ernest is survived by his children, Ronald and Janice, his grandchildren Jennifer Fogelson, Brian Arico, and Rebecca Stempel, his great-grandchildren Bria Fogelson, Payton Fogelson, Mathan Arico, Olivia Arico, Ethan Stempel, and Jacqueline Stempel, his sister Maryanne Roberts and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his son Ernest Arico, Jr. and his sister Loretta Mitchell, and

WHEREAS, Ernest's passing will be mourned by his family, friends, and colleagues throughout Dutchess County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Dutchess County Legislature, on behalf of all the people of Dutchess County, does hereby extend its deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the family and friends of the late Ernest A. Arico, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the meeting of the Dutchess County Legislature be adjourned in memory of the late Ernest A. Arico.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess, have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 12th day of November 2024, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 12th day of November 2024.

DUTCHESS COUNTY SEAL

LEIGH WAGER, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE