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Senate Resolution No. 884

BY: Senator THOMAS

MOURNING the death of Joseph Scannell, former Nassau County Legislator, brilliant prosecutor, devoted family man and distinguished member of his community

WHEREAS, There are certain outstanding members of our community who, through their selfless commitment and dedication, have served to better the quality of life in our community and have had a measurable positive impact on the lives of its residents; Joseph Scannell was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Joseph Scannell, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Scannell of Baldwin, New York, died on May 13, 2022, at the age of 59; and

WHEREAS, A native Baldwinite, Joseph Scannell, affectionately known to many as Joe, was inseparable from the community he grew up in, attending its schools, becoming involved in scouting and representing the Town of Hempstead hamlet as a Nassau County legislator; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Scannell was born on May 17, 1962, in Manhattan, New York; he and his family moved to Long Island, and after graduating from

Baldwin High School, he earned his bachelor's degree from C.W. Post, now LIU Post; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Scannell furthered his education by obtaining his law degree from St. John's University Law School in 1989, before going to work for the Nassau County district attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, A decade later, Joseph Scannell ran for the County Legislature for the first time, and enjoyed a seven-term career there from January of 2000 to July of 2013; he then became the attorney for the Village of Hempstead's Community Development Association; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Scannell truly lived a life of service, beginning as an Eagle Scout, and ending with his role with the Community Development Association; and

WHEREAS, When he was not working or helping someone in his community, Joseph Scannell enjoyed spending time with his loving wife of 42 years, Merrill and his cherished children, Brittany and Brian; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Scannell's infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through his family's vivid and happy memories; his insight and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Joseph Scannell leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all

who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing man; he 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 mourn the death of Joseph Scannell, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Joseph Scannell.