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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the untimely death of Keith Romaine, Brookhaven Town Councilman, 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, Keith Romaine of Moriches, New York, died on Saturday, November 14, 2009, at the age of 36; and

WHEREAS, Born on February 20, 1973, he attended St. John's Elementary School in Center Moriches, New York, and later graduated from Mercy High School in Riverhead, New York; Keith also earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Fordham University, and a Juris Doctor from Touro Law School; and

WHEREAS, Keith Romaine distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; growing up in Center Moriches, New York, he served as an aide to Michael Forbes before his election to the town board; he also owned his own business, Suffolk Legal and Process Service, which provided support service to attorneys and title companies; and

WHEREAS, A Brookhaven Town Councilman, Keith Romaine was elected in 2007 and then re-elected in 2009; he was an ardent believer in the autonomy of the people to make decisions for themselves, and he worked exceptionally hard to bring financial prudence to the Town of Brookhaven; and

WHEREAS, As Councilman, Keith Romaine was the driving force behind putting global positioning systems in town vehicles, and was energetic and strong as a liaison to both local ambulance and fire departments;

and

WHEREAS, The longest serving President of the Moriches Bay Civic Association, Keith Romaine was involved in many community organizations such as the Colonial Youth Center and numerous Chambers of Commerce; furthermore, he was an avid supporter of the Pattasquash Creek Civic Association; and

WHEREAS, A loyal and dedicated fan of both the New York Yankees and the Dallas Cowboys, Keith Romaine was known for his dynamic personality and lust for life; he always made his colleagues laugh and put them at ease with his gregarious smile; and

WHEREAS, He is survived by his father, Edward P. Romaine; a brother, Kevin Romaine; his grandfather, Edward T. Romaine; an aunt, Maureen McGovern; and his uncle, John Romaine; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Keith Romaine 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; and

WHEREAS, In memory of Keith Romaine, taken from the wise words of prominent poet Ralph Waldo Emerson - Success: "To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the untimely death of Keith Romaine, Brookhaven Town Councilman,

distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to the family of Keith Romaine.