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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of William A. Powell, 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, William A. Powell of Seaford, New York, died on February 10, 2011, at the age of 64; and

WHEREAS, A descendant of one of the first settlers of Long Island, William Powell grew up in his family home built in 1870; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Seaford High School, William Powell worked on the bay with his father as a boy and, at the age of 16, accepted a position as a repair technician with Universe Appliance in Seaford; and

WHEREAS, William Powell ultimately became partner and then sole owner of Universe Appliance; he remained proprietor until five years ago when he passed the company over to his son; and

WHEREAS, William Powell distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, A United States Navy veteran, William Powell served his country during the Vietnam War on the destroyer USS Robert A. Owens based in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, William Powell's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, An Ex-Captain and member, William Powell served the Seaford Fire Department for 46 years; he was past President of Seaford Hook Ladder & Engine Company No. 1 as well as Seaford Fire Department Exempt

Benevolent Association; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man was involved in many other community organizations including the Seaford Historical Society where he served as Vice President, the Seaford Chamber of Commerce, Hempstead Bay House Association, and the Long Island Decoy Association; and

WHEREAS, William Powell is survived by his beloved wife of 43 years, Carla; their two children, William and Janice; their daughter-in-law, Kate, and son-in-law, Rob; his brothers, Robert and John; and sister-in-law, Pat; as well as six grandchildren, Samantha, Brian, Valerie, Michael, Olivia, and Ryan; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, William Powell 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 William A. Powell, 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 William A. Powell.