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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Benjamin Moleno, Sr., long-time Hewlett Fire Official, 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, Benjamin Moleno, Sr. of Hewlett, New York, died on December 31, 2012, at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, Born in Hewlett, New York, Benjamin Moleno, Sr. was the owner of a Roosevelt laundry and dry cleaning business for 35 years, before retiring in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Moleno, Sr.'s commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Woodmere High School in 1938, Benjamin Moleno, Sr. joined the Hewlett Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated firefighter for 75 years, Benjamin Moleno, Sr. rose through the ranks and served as Captain of the Hewlett Fire Department; he also served as Commissioner of the Hewlett Bay Fire District for 50 years and District Treasurer for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, At the time of his death, Benjamin Moleno, Sr. was still serving as a member of the Legislative Committee of the New York State Association of Fire Districts; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man was a founder of the Nassau Association of Districts and served as its President in 1951; moreover, he was a New York State President in 1970 and 1971, and in 2011, he was named an Honorary Chief of the Department; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to serving his country, Benjamin Moleno, Sr. was employed at Republic Aviation during much of World War II; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Moleno, Sr. was a longtime communicant of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Hewlett, New York; in addition, he served as a Hewlett Committeeman for more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife of 68 years, Jean, Benjamin Moleno, Sr. is survived by two sons, Benjamin, Jr. and Richard; one daughter, Peggy; and six grandchildren, as well as six great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Benjamin Moleno, Sr. 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 Benjamin Moleno, Sr., longtime Hewlett Fire Official, 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 Benjamin Moleno, Sr.