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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Deputy Mayor Joseph J. Hennessy, renowned public servant, distinguished citizen, and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to mourn publicly the death of certain prominent individuals whose valued contributions to their community, their profession, and their heritage served to enhance the quality of life in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Mayor Joseph J. Hennessy, renowned public servant, distinguished citizen, and devoted member of his community, died on December 21, 2014, at the age of 72; and

WHEREAS, Born on March 20, 1942, Deputy Mayor Joseph J. Hennessy earned a bachelor's degree in Accounting from St. Francis College, and a master's degree in Taxation from St. John's University; he also attended the School of Savings Bank at Brown University; and

WHEREAS, From 1991 to 1995, Joseph J. Hennessy faithfully served the village of Malverne, New York, as Mayor, and as Trustee from 1994 to 2014; his purposeful life and civic endeavors were unerringly directed to serving the needs of his fellow human beings; and

WHEREAS, During his public service tenure, this esteemed man championed many issues important to his district including a multi-village negotiation to reduce the cost of solid waste disposal for Malverne, Rockville Centre, Lynbrook, East Rockaway, Valley Stream, Freeport, and Floral Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Deputy Mayor Joseph J. Hennessy successfully negotiated a wide range of contracts and legal agreements for the Village of Malverne, and directed a number of initiatives to reduce Village operating expenses including financial information automation and energy saving projects; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Deputy Mayor Joseph J. Hennessy actively worked to support the Ambulance Corps, and Fire Department Districts, as well as proposed library expansion and community center initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious professional career, Deputy Mayor Joseph J. Hennessy served as Vice President and Tax Officer for Jamaica Savings Bank; and

WHEREAS, Passionately committed to civic engagement and the uplifting of his community, Deputy Mayor Joseph J. Hennessy was Treasurer of the Malverne Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Mayor Joseph J. Hennessy was sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom he worked; committed to his community, the people he represented, his State, and his Nation, he served his public with dignity, dedication and incisive wisdom; and

WHEREAS, Over a long and meritorious life of service on behalf of others, Deputy Mayor Joseph J. Hennessy was a man of action, of integrity, and of commitment, whose true compassion was generously given to all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Mayor Joseph J. Hennessy, survived by his wife of 40 years, the former Susan Bedell, leaves behind a tremendous 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 Deputy Mayor Joseph J. Hennessy, renowned public servant, 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 Deputy Mayor Joseph J. Hennessy.