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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Robert J. Thomas, 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 endeavors served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Robert J. Thomas, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community, on November 10, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Born in Dexter, New York, on February 3, 1937, Robert Thomas was a resident of Glen Park, New York, until his death; and

WHEREAS, Robert Thomas served in the United States Navy and was employed as a Hydro Maintenance Supervisor for Niagara Mohawk in Watertown; and

WHEREAS, He served as a police officer for Glen Park and Brownville for 48 years; and

WHEREAS, Robert Thomas was first elected to public office in 1994, and served as a Jefferson County legislator for 20 years, as Vice-Chairman for two terms and as Chairman of the legislature for eight of his 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Robert Thomas was a tireless proponent for Jefferson County and, in addition to his law enforcement and legislative service, was also a member of the Dexter Masonic Lodge, the Glen Park Fire Department, and served as an EMT; and

WHEREAS, He will long be remembered for his dedication and hard work on behalf of Jefferson County, and as a model public servant; and

WHEREAS, Robert Thomas had a deep and abiding love for his community, with a commitment to integrity and transparency, earning him the admira-

tion of his colleagues, competitors and the reporters who covered his career; and

WHEREAS, Robert Thomas is survived by his wife, Deborah, his daughter, Michelle and her husband, David Brown, and grandson, Dylan Davis, as well as stepdaughter, Elizabeth Kilmer, step grandson, Daniel Brown, and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Robert Thomas leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Robert J. Thomas, 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 Robert J. Thomas.