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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of John Garvey, Boy Scout leader, Firefighter, 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, John Garvey died on Monday, January 5, 2015, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, John Garvey was born on June 6, 1934; he and his wife raised their three children in Wantagh, New York and he was employed as a New York City Firefighter for 38 years, rising to the rank of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Wantagh American Legion Post 1273, John Garvey proudly served his country during the Korean War; he also served on the local Selective Service Board for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, For more than 45 years, John Garvey was actively involved in the Boy Scouts of Nassau County, even after his children were out of the program; he held many different positions including Scoutmaster of Wantagh Troop 656 and District Chairman; and

WHEREAS, One of John Garvey's proudest accomplishments was attending summer camp with Troop 656 for more than 20 years; in addition, he was a member of the Sagamore Service Troop and Sagamore Master; and

WHEREAS, John Garvey was a Charter Member of the Wantagh High School DADS Booster Club, and served as a Member of the Advisory Committee to the Wantagh Board of Education; he also gave occupational speeches on many occasions in the Wantagh and Seaford school districts; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, John Garvey maintained Triangle Park

and was a Judge for the Annual Fourth of July Parade; and
WHEREAS, Furthermore, he officiated PAL baseball and managed Little League Teams; he was the Founder/Commissioner for a baseball league for 13-year-olds and umpired both high school and college baseball games, as well as softball games at Jones Beach, and the Journal American All-Star Game at Yankee Stadium; and

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

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

WHEREAS, John Garvey is survived by his loving wife, Joan, two sons, John and Scott, and one daughter, Joanne; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, John Garvey 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 John Garvey, Boy Scout leader, Firefighter, 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 John Garvey.