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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Laurence F. Adamczyk, 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, Laurence F. Adamczyk, the former Erie County Elections Commissioner and a long time force in local politics, died on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 in Cheektowaga, at the age of 55; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, A native of Buffalo, New York, Laurence F. Adamczyk, affectionately known as Larry, began his illustrious political career at Bishop Timon High School, from which he graduated in 1977; from there he started with a group of young Democrats rebelling against the local party's leadership, and eventually helping then-Assemblyman Dennis T. Gorski win the county executive post in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Laurence F. Adamczyk quickly moved into the forefront of a group of political masterminds for the new county executive; he was the secretary of the Erie County Democratic Committee from 1998 to 2002, and served in the administration first as director of central services and later as executive assistant for appointments; and

WHEREAS, Named a delegate to the 1996 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Laurence F. Adamczyk was elected secretary of the local Democratic Party, and was ultimately appointed to county government's top patronage post of Elections Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Laurence F. Adamczyk 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, Laurence F. Adamczyk was a man of action, of integrity, and of commitment, whose true compassion was generously given to all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his husband, Keith, and sister, Laura (Joseph), Larry Adamczyk is survived by his parents, Frank and Teresa; two sisters, Lynn (Thomas) and Leslie; and a brother, Leonard (Christine); as well as several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Laurence F. Adamczyk 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 Laurence F. Adamczyk, 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 of Laurence F. Adamczyk.