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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Donald Gillot, courageous 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, Donald Gillot of West Hempstead, New York, died on Thursday, May 14, 2015, at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, Born in Brooklyn, New York, Donald Gillot lived his entire life in West Hempstead where he attended high school; and

WHEREAS, In 1956, Donald Gillot joined the Lakeview Fire Department at the age of 18, proudly serving his community by driving ambulances and hook-and-ladder fire trucks; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his first 50 years of volunteering with the Lakeview Fire Department, Donald Gillot bravely responded to more than 50 percent of fire calls; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed firefighter was also a dedicated employee at the Hempstead Town Highway Department for 30 years; in 1997, he retired as a truck driver and snow plow operator for the Town of Hempstead; and

WHEREAS, In his later years, Donald Gillot served as a Trustee at the Lakeview Fire Department; he also maintained care of equipment and ensured supplies were well stocked; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and honors for his exceptional service, Donald Gillot was made an Emeritus member of the Lakeview Fire Department, and upon his death, became an Honorary Chief; and

WHEREAS, Donald Gillot is survived by his brother, and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Donald Gillot distinguished himself in his profession and by

his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

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

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Donald Gillot 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 Donald Gillot; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Donald Gillot.