



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## State Senate Honors the Memory of Seaford Resident Bill Powell

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### *Senate Passes Fuschillo Resolution Honoring Mr. Powell's Many Years of Community Service*

The New York State Senate recently honored the memory of longtime Seaford resident Bill Powell, who passed away on February 10<sup>th</sup> at the age of 64. The Senate passed a legislative resolution, sponsored by Senator Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. (R-Merrick), honoring Mr. Powell's long history community service.

Mr. Powell has a long history of serving the residents of Seaford. He was a 46 year member of the Seaford Fire Department, a Vice-President of the Seaford Historical Society, and a member of the Seaford Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Mr. Powell was involved with the Hempstead Bay House Association and the Long Island Decoy Association. Mr. Powell also served his country as a member of the United States Navy during the Vietnam War.

"Bill Powell devoted nearly his entire life to serving others. Whether it was defending our country as a member of the Armed Forces, protecting residents as a volunteer firefighter, or preserving our community's history as a member of the Historical Society, Bill leaves behind an impressive legacy of service. I'm pleased that the Senate has memorialized and paid tribute to Bill's many years of service to his country and community," said Senator Fuschillo.

With the Senate passage of the legislative resolution, Bill Powell's accomplishments and record of service will forever be part of the New York State Senate's official record.

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#### Text of the Legislative Resolution

Senate Resolution No. 597

**BY:** Senator FUSCHILLO

**MOURNING** the death of William A. Powell, 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,** William A. Powell of Seaford, New York, died on February 10, 2011, at the age of 64; and

**WHEREAS,** A descendant of one of the first settlers of Long Island, William Powell grew up in his family home built in 1870; and

**WHEREAS,** A graduate of Seaford High School, William Powell worked on the bay with his father as a boy and, at the age of 16, accepted a position as a repair technician with Universe Appliance in Seaford; and

**WHEREAS,** William Powell ultimately became partner and then sole owner of Universe Appliance; he remained proprietor until five years ago when he passed the company over to his son; and

**WHEREAS,** William Powell distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

**WHEREAS,** A United States Navy veteran, William Powell served his country during the Vietnam War on the destroyer USS Robert A. Owens based in Virginia; and

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

**WHEREAS,** An Ex-Captain and member, William Powell served the Seaford Fire Department for 46 years; he was past President of Seaford Hook Ladder & Engine Company No. 1 as well as Seaford Fire Department Exempt Benevolent Association; and

**WHEREAS,** This remarkable man was involved in many other community organizations including the Seaford Historical Society where he served as Vice President, the Seaford Chamber of Commerce, Hempstead Bay House Association, and the Long Island Decoy Association; and

**WHEREAS,** William Powell is survived by his beloved wife of 43 years, Carla; their two children, William and Janice; their daughter-in-law, Kate, and son-in-law, Rob; his brothers, Robert and John; and sister-in-law, Pat; as well as six grandchildren, Samantha, Brian, Valerie, Michael, Olivia, and Ryan; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, William Powell 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 William A. Powell, 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 William A. Powell.