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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Jeffrey B. Wortmann, 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, Jeffrey B. Wortmann of Merrick, New York, died on Sunday, November 22, 2015, at the age of 71; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey B. Wortmann served his country honorably as a member of the United States Navy from 1962 until being discharged on September 26, 1966; and

WHEREAS, Following his naval service, Jeffrey B. Wortmann went on to become a decorated and dedicated member of the New York City Transit Police which existed for more than 40 years before it was folded into the New York Police Department in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey B. Wortmann distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his 53 years of volunteering with the Merrick Fire Department, Jeffrey B. Wortmann had been named an Honorary Chief and was instrumental in training many of the Department's current leaders; and

WHEREAS, The Merrick Fire Department held a funeral service in remembrance of Jeffrey B. Wortmann with full departmental honors where an oversized American flag was displayed over the street between the firehouse and the Merrick Public Library; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man was honored by his fellow firefighters, most in dress blues, others in their firefighting turnout gear, as well

as members of the New York City Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his sister, Nancy Wagner, Jeffrey B. Wortmann is survived by his wife, Florence; a daughter, Desiree (Andrew) Helbock; two sons, Stephen (Abigail) Wortmann and Richard (Lisa) Wortmann; a brother, Stephen Wortmann; and grandchildren Jessica and Gunner Helbock, and Jeffrey, Raymond and Rebecca Wortmann; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Jeffrey B. Wortmann 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 Jeffrey B. Wortmann, courageous 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 Jeffrey B. Wortmann.