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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Joseph McGuinness, beloved coach, 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, Joseph McGuinness of New City, New York, passed away on Friday, February 12, 2016, at the age of 55; and

WHEREAS, Born on November 18, 1960, in Suffern, New York, Joseph McGuinness was the son of John J. and Florence McGuinness; as a young man, he attended Clarkstown South High School where he excelled at playing basketball; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, Joseph McGuinness continued his basketball playing career at the West Point Military Academy, and went on to play professionally in Ireland; and

WHEREAS, Upon returning to the United States, Joseph McGuinness coached at Albertus Magnus High School in Bardonia, New York, where he led both the girls and boys varsity teams to state sectional titles; and

WHEREAS, Known for being a compassionate and caring mentor, this esteemed man provided outstanding service to the Rockland community and touched the lives of countless players; he was particularly respected for his ability to connect with anyone with whom he spoke; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated family man, Joseph McGuinness is survived by his wife Cynthia, and his three children, Megan, Patrick, and Conor, as well as 24 nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Joseph McGuinness'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, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Joseph McGuinness 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 Joseph McGuinness, beloved coach, 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 Joseph McGuinness.