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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Honorable David L. Levinson upon the occasion of his retirement after 38 years of distinguished service as Town Justice of Woodbury, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those singular individuals who devote their purposeful lives and careers to preserving the rights and protecting the welfare of the citizens of their community and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in the Woodbury community has been ably served and uniquely enriched through the selfless dedication and benevolent concern of Judge David L. Levinson; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Honorable David L. Levinson upon the occasion of his retirement after 38 years of distinguished service as Town Justice of Woodbury, New York, to be celebrated on Friday, June 10, 2016, at the Falkirk Estate and Country Club, Central Valley, New York; and

WHEREAS, David L. Levinson is the senior partner of the law firm of Levinson, Reineke & Ornstein, P.C. of Central Valley, New York; he also serves as Town Justice of Woodbury, New York, the esteemed position he has held continuously since 1978; and

WHEREAS, Since 1994, David L. Levinson has also served as Village Justice of Tuxedo Park, New York, as well as Assistant District Attorney in New York County from July 1969 to September 1973; and

WHEREAS, David L. Levinson has a very extensive family law and matriarchal practice in both Family Court and Supreme; he has appeared for clients in Family Court in such New York Counties as; Orange, Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam, Westchester, Ulster, Rockland, Sullivan, New York, Queens, Kings, Columbia and Onondaga; and

WHEREAS, Handling hundreds of appeals in the Appellate Division of the

State of New York in the first, second and third judicial departments, David L. Levinson has appeared in the New York State Court of Appeals in more than 15 appeals; many of his cases are used in national law schools as part of their curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, David L. Levinson was recently afforded the honor of arguing an appeal before the Supreme Court, State of New Jersey, the highest court in that State; and

WHEREAS, Admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States and the Federal District Court for the Southern District of New York, David L. Levinson has also served on the panel of arbitration of the American Arbitration Association; and

WHEREAS, David L. Levinson graduated from Brooklyn Law School in June of 1969, with a Juris Doctor degree cum laude; while attending law school, he served on its law review in the positions of research and article editors; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to the community he so ably serves, David L. Levinson is a member of the Woodbury Lion's Club and the Woodbury Community Association; and

WHEREAS, Active in numerous professional organizations, David L. Levinson is past president of the Orange County Bar Association, and remains a lifetime board member of the organization; he is a member of the New York State Bar Association Family Law Section, and a member of the New York State and Orange County Magistrates Associations; and

WHEREAS, In addition, David L. Levinson is a past president of Monroe Temple of Liberal Judaism and remains a lifetime trustee for that religious organization; he served as a member of the Orange County Charter Review Commission, and has been listed in "Who's Who in American Law"; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated public servant, David L. Levinson is also a committed family man; he is the loving husband of Marjorie, and the proud father of three children; and

WHEREAS, David L. Levinson, in every capacity in which he served, has left his permanent mark on the criminal justice community and will forever be remembered as a determined, innovative and genuinely concerned expert in his field; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Honorable David L. Levinson upon the occasion of his retirement after 38 years of distinguished service as Town Justice of Woodbury, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable David L. Levinson.