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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Kenneth J. Meyers, skilled Electrician, Cheektowaga Supervisor 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, It is with feelings of deepest regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Kenneth J. Meyers, a preeminent citizen whose distinguished public service and caring commitment will long serve as a standard to which others might aspire; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth J. Meyers of Cheektowaga, New York, died on May 19, 2016, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, Born on August 25, 1932, Kenneth "Kenny" J. Meyers devoted his life to the Town of Cheektowaga, New York; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Seneca Vocational High School, Kenneth J. Meyers proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy from 1953 to 1955; after his discharge, he served as an electrician and was a vital member of Local 41 for over five decades; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth J. Meyers' commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, For 58 years, Kenneth J. Meyers was a faithful member of the Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church, where he was named to its Holy Name Society and was bestowed upon its Man of the Year Award; dedicated to his church, he held the position of Parish Lawn Fete Chairman and founded the church's 52 week club; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Kenneth J. Meyers was elected to the Cheektowaga Town Council, where he served until 1975; in this capacity, he developed

and enhanced recreational activities for the citizens of Cheektowaga, was instrumental in the construction of the Cheektowaga Recreation Center in the Town Park; and

WHEREAS, From 1976-1983, Kenneth J. Meyers held the title of Supervisor of Cheektowaga; in this role he implemented better programs for the elderly, helped install new sewer constructions, improved parks and the police department, and aided his constituents in coping with the Blizzard of 1977; and

WHEREAS, Throughout Kenneth J. Meyers' tenure, the Town of Cheektowaga experienced economic growth with the construction of residential subdivisions and commercial development, turning the Town of Cheektowaga into a first class Town with over 100,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, Kenneth J. Meyers helped organize the Cheektowaga Bicentennial Commission to celebrate our Nation's 200th Anniversary; the Cheektowaga Bicentennial Commission then continued on for the past 40 years as the Cheektowaga Patriotic Commission; and

WHEREAS, After his distinguished service as Supervisor, Kenneth J. Meyers took a job as the Town Electrician, saving the municipality significant funds which would have been spent on consultant fees; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his luminous work with the Town, Kenneth J. Meyers was a member of numerous worthy organizations including the Francis Donovan Post, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Knights of Columbus, and the Cheektowaga Historical Society; he also established the Cheektowaga Patriotic Committee and the Beverly Hills Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his steadfast and unremitting commitment to the Town, the Cheektowaga Recreation Center was renamed the Kenneth J. Meyers Cheektowaga Recreation Center in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth J. Meyers is survived by his wife of 52 years, the former Joan Carroll; daughter, Lisa Meyers-Alessi; three sons, Guy, Marc, and Timothy; and seven grandchildren, as well as two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth J. Meyers was a man whose deep concern, ability to get things done, and easy way with people provided him with success in his leadership roles within his community and throughout the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Kenneth J. Meyers 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 Kenneth J. Meyers, skilled Electrician, Cheektowaga Supervisor 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 Kenneth J. Meyers.