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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Dennis A. Kahn, 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, Dennis A. Kahn of East Amherst, New York, died on Monday, February 6, 2012, at the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Kahn distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Kahn, a longtime attorney with the prominent Buffalo law firm Siegel, Kelleher and Kahn, was born in Eggertsville and attended the University at Buffalo and graduated with honors as a national member of Phi Beta Kappa; he earned his law degree from the University of Akron, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Kahn joined the firm, which later bore his name, in 1976 and became a partner in 1980; he was recognized in "Who's Who" in law and nominated as "Best in Field -- Personal Injury"; he assisted in expanding the firm to become the sixth-largest law firm in Western New York; and

WHEREAS, A patron of the arts, Dennis Kahn was on the board at Shea's Performing Arts Center for nearly a decade; he was a supporter of Women & Children's Hospital, the Erie County Bar Association and the Buffalo Zoo, where three resident lions are named Siegel, Kelleher and Kahn; and

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

WHEREAS, Dennis Kahn is survived by his wife, Carrie, his son, Maxwell, and his sister, Robin; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Dennis Kahn 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 Dennis A. Kahn, 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 Dennis A. Kahn.