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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ronald F. Foley upon the occasion of his retirement as Director of the Long Island Region of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Ronald F. Foley has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; he has served as Director of the Long Island Region with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ronald F. Foley upon the occasion of his retirement as Director of the Long Island Region of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, at Carlyle on the Green in the Bethpage State Park Clubhouse; and

WHEREAS, From 2007 to 2013, Ronald F. Foley served as Director of the Long Island Region of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, As Regional Director, Ronald F. Foley oversaw Long Island's 33,000 acres of open space, natural areas and recreational facilities, including 100 miles of shoreline; and

WHEREAS, During Ronald F. Foley's tenure as Director of the Long Island Region of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, in 2009, the Bethpage State Park's Black Course hosted the U.S. Open National Golf Championship; and

WHEREAS, From 1983 to 1995, Ronald F. Foley was employed by the New

York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; he served as Executive Deputy Commissioner; he also served as General Manager of the Long Island Region and Regional Director of the Genesee Region, administering all aspects of the parks in those areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Ronald F. Foley served as Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation; in that capacity, he was responsible for the management of over 50,000 acres of parkland including historic structures, golf facilities and oceanfront beaches; his notable achievements included environmental stewardship for preservation and protection of open space; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Ronald F. Foley served as Executive Director of the New York Parks and Conservation Association, an organization focusing on the protection of parkland and assisting communities in creating new parks; he also served as Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Public Works and as Deputy Director and Chief of Staff in the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget in the City of Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, In all his official acts, Ronald F. Foley was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, Ronald F. Foley holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration from the University of New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Ronald F. Foley upon his retirement as Director of the Long Island Region of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as Director of the Long Island Region of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

and throughout his previous years of public service, Ronald F. Foley earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ronald F. Foley upon the occasion of his retirement as Director of the Long Island Region of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ronald F. Foley.