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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Dennis C. Murphy, Korean War Veteran 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 C. Murphy of Western New York, died on February 5, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Born in Detroit, Dennis C. Murphy relocated to Western New York in his youth and attended Kensington High School; and

WHEREAS, A well-educated man, Dennis C. Murphy attended the University at Buffalo, Northwestern University, and Loyola University, culminating in his doctorate degree; and

WHEREAS, This exemplary man distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Dennis C. Murphy spent his illustrious career in traffic law enforcement as an accident investigation unit leader with Erie County's Sheriff's Department, and as an instructor at the Central Police Academy; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his career in law enforcement, Dennis C. Murphy honorably served in the United States Air Force as an Officer during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, A respected leader in highway safety throughout his outstanding 50-year professional career, Dennis C. Murphy worked on countless projects, notably the Buffalo Bills stadium traffic route in Orchard Park; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known as Mr. Highway Safety, Dennis C. Murphy

championed safety issues such as seat belt legislation and the New York State STOP-DWI program; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his five decade tenure, Dennis C. Murphy worked under four governors to promote traffic safety, and was the proud recipient of numerous traffic safety awards and accolades; and

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

WHEREAS, A devoted community leader, Dennis C. Murphy was on the Erie County Traffic Safety Board, served on the Governors Traffic Safety Committee, and worked as the President of the Amherst Gaelic League; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Dorothy Wirth, Dennis C. Murphy is survived by his son, Dennis P.; three sisters, Kathleen E., Melissa A. Burke and Megan K. Murphy-Hancock; and five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Dennis C. Murphy 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 C. Murphy, Korean War Veteran 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 C. Murphy.