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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of former New York State Senator Royden A. Letsen, distinguished citizen, and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to public servants of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of former New York State Senator Royden A. Letsen, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Royden A. "Roy" Letsen, of Yonkers, New York, died on May 26, 2014 at the age of 95; and

WHEREAS, Royden A. Letsen was elected to represent the 32nd District in November 1964, defeating an incumbent who had not lost an election in 35 years; he served for one term; and

WHEREAS, Royden A. Letsen attended the University of Pennsylvania where he received his Bachelor of Science in Economics from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce; he received his M.B.A. in Personnel Administration from New York University, and his Doctorate in Jurisprudence from New York Law School; and

WHEREAS, He was a former partner in the law firm of Griffen, Letsen, Coogan & Veneruso, of Bronxville and worked in the General Practice of Law and of counsel to Robert I. Eber, Esq., Tarrytown, New York; he was a member of the Yonkers Lawyer's Association, the Westchester County Bar Association, and the New York State Bar Association, and admitted to practice before the New York State Bar, the United States Supreme Court, the Eastern and Southern Districts of the Federal Court in the State of

New York, and the United States Court of Military Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Royden A. Letsen distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, A former Trial Commissioner for the City of Yonkers, he was also a former member of the City of Yonkers Planning Board, a former Commissioner of East Hudson Parkway Authority, Founder and Director Emeritus of Hudson Valley Bank, Director Emeritus of Hudson Valley Holding Corporation, member and former Director of Yonkers Chamber of Commerce, and former Board Member of the Industrial Development Agency of the County of Westchester County; and

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

WHEREAS, Among his many community activities, he was a founding member and Past President of the Rotary Club of East Yonkers, former Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Director Emeritus of St. John's Riverside Hospital, Past President, United Way of Yonkers, former Board Member of the Woman's Institute, and Board Member of Michael Milotz Nursing Pavilion; in addition, he was a Fourth Degree Knight and member of La Rabida Council, Knights of Columbus, Past Commander, Alan F. Waite Post No. 299, American Legion, Past Chairman Central Committee of War Veterans Organization, City of Yonkers, Past President of the Advisory Board of the Catholic Youth Organization, and Past President of the Yonkers Chapter of the United Nations Association; and

WHEREAS, Roy A. Letsen was a Communicant of the Roman Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception in Tuckahoe, a member of the Reserve Offi-

cers Association and Retired Reserve Officers Association, and Colonel, United States Army Reserve, (Ret.); and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife, Agnes Letsen, Royden A. Letsen is survived by his son, James R. Letsen (Maria) and daughter, Joyce A.

Lynch (Dorsey), as well as his grandchildren, Christina, James, Kevin and Katherine; and

WHEREAS, Royden A. Letsen, throughout his career and life, served his community and the people of the State of New York with intelligence and caring dedication, contributing significantly to the quality of life of his constituents and the communities of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of former New York State Senator Royden A. Letsen, distinguished citizen, and devoted member of his community, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Royden A. Letsen.