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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Mark Herman, renowned public servant, distinguished citizen, and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to mourn publicly the death of certain prominent individuals whose valued contributions to their community, their profession, and their heritage served to enhance the quality of life in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Mark Herman, a longtime public servant and community leader, died on Thursday, February 4, 2016, in Silver Lake, New York, at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, Mark Herman was born in 1933, in Brooklyn, New York; he graduated from Erasmus Hall High School and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut in 1955; and

WHEREAS, Stationed in England, Mark Herman proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War; after his discharge in 1957, he returned to the United States, working as a stockbroker while earning his Master's degree in Business Administration at night from Baruch College; and

WHEREAS, After retiring as an Off-Track Betting Branch Manager in 1995, Mark Herman was appointed in 2000 and served for several years as a New York City Commissioner of Elections representing Staten Island; and

WHEREAS, A longtime resident of Silver Lake, Mark Herman was dedicated to serving his community; for 23 years, he participated on Community Board 1, fulfilling several terms as Vice Chair; in addition, this remarkable man served as a Little League manager, President of the Silver Lake Civic Association for over 10 years, a docent with the National Park Service at Fort Wadsworth, and a volunteer

mediator/arbitrator for the New York State Court System for two decades;
and

WHEREAS, An avid traveler and history buff, Mark Herman traversed the United States by rail or car six times and visited all 50 states, 150 national parks, monuments, historic sites and battlefields; and

WHEREAS, A track and field enthusiast, Mark Herman attended nine summer Olympic Games, from 1976 in Montreal, to 2008 in Beijing, and 10 Track and Field World Championships; he also served as an official at countless Amateur Athletic Union competitions, including the United States Indoor National Championships and the famed Millrose Games in Madison Square Garden; and

WHEREAS, As a boy, Mark Herman loved watching the Brooklyn Dodgers play at Ebbets Field ballpark; he also enjoyed rooting for the Jets and the Mets; and

WHEREAS, A man of many interests, Mark Herman liked toiling in the dirt, growing some of Staten Island's tastiest tomatoes, much to the delight of neighbors, friends and family who benefitted from the annual harvest; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his long-time partner, Robin Carey, Mark Herman is survived by two sons, Robert and Michael; two daughters, Naomi and Lisa; two sisters, Doris and Beverly Nieves, and four grandchildren, Tejas, Elisa, David "Vladi", and Nora; as well as his former wife, Ann;
and

WHEREAS, Over a long and meritorious life of service on behalf of others, Mark Herman was a man of action, of integrity, and of commitment, whose true compassion was generously given to all who knew him;
and

WHEREAS, Mark Herman leaves behind a tremendous 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 Mark Herman, renowned public servant, 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 Mark Herman.