

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of John Leddy, 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, John "Jack" Leddy of Island Park, New York, died on Monday, March 18, 2013, at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known as Mr. Jack, he resided in Island Park, New York, with his family for more than 40 years; and

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

WHEREAS, Jack Leddy served as Vice President of H&G Industries, a toy manufacturer which originated in Far Rockaway, Queens, New York; as the company grew, it moved to several locations on Long Island before locating its International Headquarters in Long Beach, New York, where today, it employs over 1,000 people; and

WHEREAS, For more than 50 years, Jack Leddy worked for this prominent company, commencing at entry level employment and working his way to the top with hard work and dedication; subsequently, he earned a well-respected name for himself within the toy industry in not only the United States but also abroad; and

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

WHEREAS, Constantly helping anyone who asked for or needed help, Jack Leddy believed all people deserved a second chance; he also gave of his time and energies, assisting organizations with donations of merchandise to benefit the needy; and

WHEREAS, In his spare time, Jack Leddy became involved in Island Park Little League; having three sons and a love of baseball, he was a life-long Yankee fan, so it was a labor of love; and

WHEREAS, He started out coaching the teams and eventually became the League President; after several years in that capacity, he was elected in 1975 to District Administrator for District No. 30 on the South Shore of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, Jack Leddy was responsible for overseeing many leagues and truly enjoyed working with his colleagues and the youth of District No. 30; this extraordinary man was a volunteer with the Little League organization for over 30 years before retiring in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife, Carol, of almost 61 years, Jack Leddy is survived by his five children, Carol Anne Denton, Barbara Rufie, Richard Leddy, Thomas Leddy, and Stephen Leddy, as well as numerous grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Jack Leddy 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 John Leddy, 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 John Leddy.