LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of William J. Dauscher, 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, William J. Dauscher of Lynbrook, New York, died on March 5, 2013, at the age of 94; and

WHEREAS, Also known as Pop Dauscher, William J. Dauscher was born on April 9, 1918, in Brooklyn, New York; he grew up in Queens and was the oldest son of 14 children; he was proud of his large family which, at one point, was voted the largest family on Long Island; and

WHEREAS, William J. Dauscher attended Jamaica High School; after graduation he worked for Equitable Life Insurance Company, and played baseball alongside Whitey Ford on the Equitable Life baseball team; and

WHEREAS, In 1941, William J. Dauscher entered the United States Army, served proudly in World War II, and was honorably discharged in 1945; and

WHEREAS, William J. Dauscher married the love of his life, Muriel V. O'Connor, and together raised five children, Patricia, Maryanne, Noreen, William and Thomas; and

WHEREAS, William J. Dauscher distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, He began his illustrious career as a New York City Fireman in 1948, serving for 20 years as a devoted member of FDNY Engine Company No. 293; after retiring in 1968, he spent 30 years working with his brother, Paul T. Dauscher and Company; and

WHEREAS, William J. Dauscher'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 parishioner of Our Lady of Peace Parish for 58 years, William J. Dauscher served his church in many capacities; he was also a proud honorary member of the Tally-Ho Engine Company No. 3 of the Lynbrook Fire Department for the last 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Cherished husband, father, grandfather, and brother, William J. Dauscher was predeceased by his beloved wife, Muriel; four siblings, Frances, Marie, Anne and John; he is survived by his five children, Patricia (Jaime) Price, Maryanne (Tom) Creegan, Noreen (Tim) Morris, William (Janet) Dauscher, and Thomas (Sheila) Dauscher; 11 grandchildren, Claire, Sean, Erin, Kristen, Timmy, Mark, Kelly, Kerry, Rory, Kim, and Shannon; and seven great-grandchildren, Maeghan, Gavin, Caitlin, Emma, Graeme, Kaiden, and Nora; as well as nine siblings, Rose, June, Andrew, Paul, Theresa, Joan, Thecla, Margaret and Alice; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, William J. Dauscher 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 William J. Dauscher, 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 William J. Dauscher.