

BY: Senator THOMAS

COMMEMORATING the 75th Anniversary of Levittown,
New York

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the distinguished histories of the communities which comprise the noble body of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Levittown, in Nassau County, New York; and

WHEREAS, Levittown is a hamlet of the Town of Hempstead, New York, located on Long Island, and was constructed between 1947 and 1951; it was created as a place of peace and harmony for young veterans returning home from war; and

WHEREAS, The builder, Levitt & Sons, constructed 17,447 units, landscaping, pools, parks, and community facilities at unmatched rates of speed and output; this mass-production, civil engineering, marketing, labor, and the business management techniques used here were employed in subsequent developments and came to be emulated throughout the globe; and

WHEREAS, Levittown is considered to be the first suburb in the United States and acted as a model for the spread of idyllic American suburbia throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, Levittown still holds true to its early beginnings in the 1940s, setting the tone for the rest of suburban America, embracing the values of civic responsibility and neighborliness; and

WHEREAS, Levittown residents give back to the community through volunteering with traditional service clubs, such as the Kiwanis and Lions; and

WHEREAS, With abundant opportunities for recreation, the original nine community swimming pools have been enhanced with playgrounds and sports fields, and families often attend block parties and join league sports; and

WHEREAS, Levittown also holds events for the community, such as a February Winterfest, a July 4th celebration, and Lazy Days of Summer in July; and

WHEREAS, Levittown is steadfastly dedicated to providing local troops with a sense of community and solidarity through its active Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts; and

WHEREAS, The modern-day expansion of local commercial establishments

and small businesses provide all the necessities Levittown residents may need; and

WHEREAS, Many of the original homeowners' children have grown up in Levittown and raised their families there as well; it became a haven for Americans to plant their roots and known as a place where generations of families could live and thrive; residents have become attached to the Levittown community and their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Hamlet of Levittown continues its commitment to enhancing the quality of life of its citizens, ensuring a positive business, institutional and educational climate, and providing all essential services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Levittown, New York, recognizing the significance of the role it continues to play in the life of the communities of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Don Calvin, Town Supervisor of Hempstead.