

Assembly Resolution No. 111

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**CELEBRATING** the life of Donald H. Roth,  
distinguished citizen and devoted member of his  
community

**WHEREAS,** It is with feelings of deepest regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Donald H. Roth, an extraordinary gentleman of indomitable faith and dedication whose purposeful life will long serve as a standard to which others might aspire; and

**WHEREAS,** Donald H. Roth, a lifelong resident of Lynbrook, New York, passed away on Sunday, February 28, 2021, at the age of 80; and

**WHEREAS,** A graduate of Lynbrook High School, Donald H. Roth was a star baseball player; as a senior pitcher, he was selected to play in the Nassau County Baseball All-County First Team; and

**WHEREAS,** Donald H. Roth then earned a baseball scholarship to play for the Demon Deacons at Wake Forest University in North Carolina; he was a starting pitcher on the 1962 Wake Forest Baseball Team, winning the ACC Championship; and

**WHEREAS,** After earning his bachelor's degree, Donald H. Roth went on to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he received his master's degree in education and became a member of the ROTC; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon the completion of his studies, this brave man enlisted in the United States Army and admirably served his country as a First Lieutenant during the Korean War; and

**WHEREAS,** During this time, Donald H. Roth was assigned to the Republic of South Korea where he was appointed Head Coach of the 7th Infantry Division Baseball Team; he led the team to the 1965 and 1966 Eighth Army Command Baseball Championships and was subsequently named Coach of the Year for both years by the Korean Bureau of the Pacific Command **Stars and Stripes** newspaper; and

**WHEREAS,** Donald H. Roth began his illustrious career as a teacher and coach in his hometown at Lynbrook High School in the fall of 1967; and

**WHEREAS,** As a beloved teacher and coach, Donald H. Roth distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; he served as President of the Nassau County Baseball Coaches Association during the 1981 season; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his tenure, Donald H. Roth earned many awards and accolades for both his team members and himself, including a Diamond Award and Michael Capozzi Award; additionally, several of his players earned the distinction of being Nassau All-County players and **New York**

**Daily News All Stars; and**

**WHEREAS,** In 2001, Donald H. Roth completed his 26th season as Head Varsity baseball coach; after an extraordinary career which traversed more than three decades, he ranked in the top 10 for most wins among active and inactive Varsity baseball coaches in Nassau County; furthermore, two of his former players went on to sign professional baseball contracts; and

**WHEREAS,** Donald H. Roth is survived by his daughter, Jane (Prentice); his son, Timothy (Annmarie); and his four grandchildren, Parker, Lily, Ashley and Kelsey; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Donald H. Roth 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 honor the life of Donald H. Roth, and 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 Donald H. Roth.