

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of M. William Lahey, 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, M. William Lahey of New Windsor, New York, died on Saturday, April 16, 2011, at the age of 70; and

WHEREAS, Born August 12, 1940, in Cornwall, New York, M. William Lahey attended St. Patrick's High School in Newburgh, New York, Newburgh Free Academy, Orange County Community College, and Marist College; and

WHEREAS, M. William Lahey went on to serve in the United States National Guard as well as to lead a successful career in politics; and

WHEREAS, On January 16, 2001, M. William Lahey and Judith Bogdanowicz were united in marriage in Orange County, New York; and

WHEREAS, A loving husband, father, and grandfather whose care and guidance were always available, M. William Lahey's generosity of spirit carried over into his community where he willingly shared his talents and leadership and tirelessly worked to create a safe and prosperous Orange County; and

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

WHEREAS, M. William Lahey served as an Orange County Legislator since 1998, representing New Windsor and Hamptonburgh, New York, including three years as the Legislature's Chairman; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his time in the Legislature, M. William Lahey served as a member of the Newburgh School Board for 11 years, including two as President; and

WHEREAS, M. William Lahey's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, A New Windsor Town Councilman for 12 years, M. William Lahey was also a Member of the Board for the Town's YWCA, and a longtime Little League Coach; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Edward and Margaret Giovaninni Lahey, and his first wife, Barbara Ann Lahey, M. William Lahey is survived by his loving wife, Judith Lahey, two sons, Michael Lahey and his wife, Donna, and Christopher Lahey and his wife, Erin, his stepson, Adam Fractenberg and his wife, Robin, and six grandchildren, Parker, Peyton, Jackson, Malia, Sydney and Lexi, as well as four brothers, three sisters, and many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, M. William Lahey, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community 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 M. William Lahey, 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 M. William Lahey.