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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Raymond and Virginia Leonhard upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of Bishop's Medals

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Raymond and Virginia Leonhard have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership, and consequently have been designated for special recognition; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Raymond and Virginia Leonhard upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of Bishop's Medals; and

WHEREAS, Bishop's Medals are conferred by Bishop Lawrence Provenzano of the diocese of Long Island's Episcopal Church to worthy individuals who have contributed immeasurably to the life, fellowship and service of their local parish; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Gerardo Ramirez of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Carle Place, New York, recently presented Raymond and Virginia Leonhard with Bishop's Medals; these Medals are the highest recognition that can be given to any member of the diocese of Long Island; and WHEREAS, Raymond and Virginia Leonhard are long-time members of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Carle Place, New York; and WHEREAS, Raymond Leonhard has held numerous offices within St. Mary's Episcopal Church, including senior warden, building and grounds chairman and vestryman; he is also in charge of producing the church's weekly bulletin; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Leonhard has administered the church's memorial funds for many years, served on the vestry and been elected to the position of junior warden; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Raymond and Virginia Leonhard have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Raymond and Virginia Leonhard upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of Bishop's Medals; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Raymond and Virginia Leonhard.