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RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING REQUEST TO THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF UNETHICAL PRACTICES IN THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

Resolution for Town Board Meeting Dated: November 6, 2014

The following resolution was offered by: Councilman Cook

and seconded by: **COUNCILWOMAN EDWARDS**

WHEREAS, Newsday, a newspaper of general circulation within the Town of Huntington, has published news articles raising questions concerning alleged ethical violations of the Town of Huntington Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, counsel to the Town of Huntington Board of Ethics was asked by Newsday about an informal opinion counsel gave to a member of the Town Board concerning an alleged violation of the Town Ethics Code, which was then reported in the newspaper article; and

WHEREAS, individual member(s) of the Ethics Board has/have allegedly made campaign contributions to Town Board Members and Town Board Member(s) has/have allegedly made campaign contributions to the Board of Ethics counsel; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the Town to maintain the highest possible level of ethical practice; and

WHEREAS, an impartial investigation would serve to allay the fears of Huntington residents regarding the existence of any official impropriety or unethical practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

MEMORIALIZED, that the Town Board requests the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York to investigate allegations of unethical practices concerning the Town of Huntington Ethics Board, its counsel and members of the Town Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, to Congressman Steve Israel and Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, to New York State Governor Cuomo, to New York State Lt. Governor Robert J Duffy, to New York State Comptroller Thomas P DiNapoli and to New York State Senators Carl Marcellino and John Flanagan and New York State Assemblyman Andrew Raia and Chad Lupanacci.

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VOTE: AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

Supervisor Frank P. Petrone	AYE
Councilwoman Susan A. Berland	AYE
Councilman Eugene Cook	AYE
Councilman Mark A. Cuthbertson	AYE
Councilwoman Tracey A. Edwards	AYE

THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED