

## 2009-J259

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Frank Wessels, 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, Frank Wessels of Norwich, New York died on Saturday, December 13, 2008, at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, Frank Wessels distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Frank Wessels' commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Born in Oxford, Frank Wessels grew up in Guilford where he graduated high school in 1952; during that time, he worked for his mother, who owned and operated the Red and White store in Guilford; and

WHEREAS, Early in his career, Frank Wessels was employed for short times by Bendix of Sidney and the National Bank and Trust Company, prior to beginning his 30-plus years with the Norwich Pharmacal Company and its successors; he worked in the research and development area as a research scientist, retiring from Procter & Gamble in 1989 as a project manager; and

WHEREAS, During his time with Procter & Gamble, Frank Wessels undertook studies with the Empire State College which combined science, mathematics and technology, and graduated with a BS degree in August of 1979; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated family man, Frank Wessels devoted many hours to

family genealogy, researching his family's roots back to the 1600s; he was a former member of the Norwich Elks Lodge BPOE 1222, served in the New York State National Guard and was an assessor for the Town of North Norwich from 1972-1976; and

WHEREAS, Frank Wessels served as committee person for the Town of North Norwich and City of Norwich Ward 5 and was chairman of the Norwich City Committee for several years; he remained active with the Procter & Gamble Quarter Century Club and volunteered at the Norwich Eaton museum; and

WHEREAS, Frank Wessels is survived by his wife, Myrna, his children, Vicki, Joni, Thomas, and Brian, his seven grandchildren, Kimberly, Gregory, Anna, Madeline, Grant, Seth and Trent, as well as numerous other family members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Frank Wessels, 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 Frank Wessels.