

## **2011-J2688**

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of David T. Cocks, 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, David T. Cocks of Walden, New York, died on Sunday, June 19, 2011, at the age of 53; and

WHEREAS, The son of the late William T. Cocks and Elizabeth Roebuck Cocks, David T. Cocks was born on January 18, 1958, in Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Valley Central High School, Orange County Community College, and Mount Saint Mary College, David T. Cocks joined the Walden Savings Bank in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Beginning his career as a teller, David T. Cocks held virtually every position at the Walden Savings Bank; in 2000, he was elected to the position of President; in 2001, he became President and CEO and in 2002, he was elected to the Bank's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, David T. Cocks distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, David T. Cocks' commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, David T. Cocks was a founding member of the Walden Community Council, a former member of the Board of the Walden Day Care Center and former President of the Josephine Louise Public Library; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man also held positions on the Boards of the Walden Rotary Club, the Orange County Chamber of Commerce, the Community Foundation of Orange & Sullivan Counties, HOSPICE of Orange County and the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America, Hudson Valley Council; and

WHEREAS, David T. Cocks achieved the Boy Scout rank of Eagle Scout as a young man, and received the Boy Scout's Distinguished Citizen Award from the Hudson Valley Council in 2007; he was due to receive the Joseph A. Bonura Leadership Excellence Award from Mount Saint Mary's in December of 2011; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his father, William T. Cocks, David T. Cocks is survived by his wife, Janice A. Van Wyck Cocks; his daughter, Samantha E. Cocks; his son, Brian J. Cocks; his mother, Elizabeth "Betty" Cocks; brothers, Paul (Sarah) Cocks, Peter (Janice) Cocks and William (Marisa) Cocks; as well as several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, David T. Cocks 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 David T. Cocks, 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 David T. Cocks.