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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Barry B. Foster, 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, It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Barry B. Foster, of Livingston, New York, on April 19, 2013, at the age of 70; and

WHEREAS, Barry B. Foster was born on May 11, 1942, in Liberty, New York, the son of the late Arnold and Joan Foster; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Livingston Manor High School, where he was a star basketball player, Barry B. Foster served his country honorably as a member of the United States Army from 1963 until 1965; he then graduated from Emporia State University with both a bachelor's and a master's degree; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man then began a long and influential career as an educator in both Sullivan and Orange counties; he taught high school English in Livingston Manor, Delaware Valley, Hancock and Fallsburg schools; furthermore, he became assistant principal and later principal in the Pine Bush School District, before retiring as Principal of Fallsburg High School, in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his brilliant career as an educator, Barry B. Foster displayed an infectious sense of humor and intense love of teaching; he guided and mentored countless young students and teachers during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Barry B. Foster was also a highly respected coach, leading many successful teams in numerous sports including men's and women's

basketball, cross country, and swimming; he inspired his players to work hard and to always give their best; and

WHEREAS, A talented businessman as well as an avid sports enthusiast, he opened the store, Hot Corner Sports Collectibles, after his retirement, running it for ten years; and

WHEREAS, A member of numerous civic and professional organizations, Barry B. Foster served as president of the Livingston Manor Central School Board of Education, as well as the president and assistant director of the Livingston Manor Rotary Club; in addition he was a member and master of the Livingston Manor F&A Masons Lodge #791; and

WHEREAS, Truly epitomizing his belief in "Service Above Self," Barry B. Foster also gave of his time and energies as board member for the Roscoe Nursing Home, the Shandalee Music Festival, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Livingston Manor Renaissance; and

WHEREAS, Barry B. Foster distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; his determination and commitment to his work, inspired generations of students, as well as all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, He will be long remembered for his kindness and sense of humor, positive outlook, and deep love for teaching, sports, his hometown, most of all his family; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his parents, Barry B. Foster is predeceased by his sister, Nancy Jane Foster; he is survived by his loving wife, Diane; and his two sons, Ryan (Claudia) and Corey Sims (Kirsten); as well as his three grandchildren, Ayla, Arley and Sorin; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and remembered by a loving family, Barry B. Foster 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 Barry B. Foster, 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 Barry B. Foster.