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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Josef Kucher, 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, Josef Kucher, a beloved resident of Port Jervis, New York since 1967, died on Saturday, November 8, 2014, at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, Born in Tainach, Austria the son of the late Franz and Maria Kucher, Josef Kucher married Hannelore A. Kucher 51 years ago on September 9, 1963, in Bronx, New York; and

WHEREAS, Josef Kucher was drafted and served one year in the Austrian Army before coming to the United States in 1959; two years after immigrating to the United States he was once again drafted and proudly served in the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, This exemplary man distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, The proud owner and operator of Kucher's Shoe Repair and Orthopedic on Front Street in Port Jervis, Josef Kucher was well known in the tri-state area as an expert craftsman; he repaired and created shoe and leather products with amazing skill, and had a deep appreciation for all of his customers and a personal relationship with many; and

WHEREAS, A man who had a deep love for life and his family, Josef Kucher loved to sit on the porch and read the Sunday paper, walking and gardening; he was a master story teller of his life's many adventures, and among other things, he was always the life of the party; and

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

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his loving son, Joseph, as well as 13 brothers and sister, Josef Kucher is survived by his wife, Hannelore; his son, Michael (Keri); his sister, Barbara; three beautiful grandchildren, Caroline, Kate and Patrick; as well as several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Josef Kucher 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 Josef Kucher, 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 Josef Kucher.