

## 2015-J1179

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Bruce Baldwin, 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, Bruce Baldwin of New Lebanon, New York, died on March 9, 2015, at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Baldwin was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on December 2, 1941, and graduated from Mound High School in 1959; and

WHEREAS, After completing high school, Bruce Baldwin proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army, and later graduated from Saint Cloud University; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Baldwin taught English and Theater at Lenox High School in the early 1970s, before opening Baldwin Foreign Auto Repair in New Lebanon where he became well-known for repairing Volvos and Saabs; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Bruce Baldwin became an automotive teacher for Questar III Board of Cooperative Educational Services; he provided outstanding instruction for three decades until his retirement in 2007, after which time, he remained a valued substitute teacher in the district for several years; and

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

WHEREAS, A vital member of his community, Bruce Baldwin directed performances by the Valley Players, a theater group in New Lebanon which raised funds for the benefit of the local high school; he also served as a volunteer EMT with the Lebanon Valley Protective Association, and was

an active member of the Lebanon Valley Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, With a sense of civic responsibility, Bruce Baldwin became involved in politics, serving as the Supervisor of the Town of New Lebanon from 1988 to 1995; he was serving as a member of the Town Board at the time of his death, a position he held since 2007; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Baldwin also oversaw the reconstruction of the New Lebanon Town Hall, using his mechanical and handyman skills to perform much of the work himself; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Wilbur and Vivien Baldwin and his brothers, Allen, David, and Robert, Bruce Baldwin is survived by his wife of 32 years, Jeannine; two daughters, Jessica (Anthony) and Nikki (Hector); two step-daughters, Gretel (Justin) and Barnet (Mitchell); and six grandchildren, Oren, Jonas, Ethan, Benjamin, Evelyn, Sagan; as well as his sister, Joyce (Ed); and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Bruce Baldwin 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 Bruce Baldwin, 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 Bruce Baldwin.