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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Robert J. Kirkpatrick Jr.,
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, Robert J. Kirkpatrick Jr. of Newburgh, New York, died on
April 16, 2015, at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, Born on May 4, 1927, Robert J. Kirkpatrick Jr. was proud to
be a lifelong resident of Newburgh and would often speak of the history
associated with the town he loved so dearly; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 17, Robert J. Kirkpatrick Jr. enlisted in the
United States Navy, proudly serving his country while stationed aboard
the USS Shangri-La; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, this esteemed man married Linda Jean Case, and
together they established an appraisal company, working side by side for
many years; and

WHEREAS, Robert J. Kirkpatrick Jr. distinguished himself in his
profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to
the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, With a sense of civic responsibility, Robert J. Kirkpatrick
Jr. entered town politics, gaining election as Councilman in the Town
of Newburgh in 1972, and Supervisor of the Town of Newburgh in 1984; and

WHEREAS, During a political career lasting nearly two decades, Robert
J. Kirkpatrick Jr. was instrumental in numerous successful improvements
for the town including the addition of sewer services and the
construction of a post office for the town; and

WHEREAS, Robert J. Kirkpatrick Jr. is responsible for coining the

phrase "Crossroads of the Northeast"; he was tireless in his efforts to promote business development and increased employment in Newburgh, while still maintaining the delicate environmental balance of the town and preserving the rural and affordable lifestyle it offered; and

WHEREAS, An avid fisherman, Robert J. Kirkpatrick Jr. enjoyed casting his lines for trout on the Esopus Creek where he spent weekends with his family in Mount Tremper; he also enjoyed fishing and ice fishing in Orange Lake and Chadwick Lake; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement, Robert J. Kirkpatrick Jr. fulfilled a lifelong dream of flying; he obtained his pilot's license, and would take friends and loved ones on trips in his Piper Warrior airplane; and

WHEREAS, Robert J. Kirkpatrick Jr.'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 father, Robert J. Kirkpatrick, Sr., and his aunt and uncle, Gertrude and Irving Avery, Robert J. Kirkpatrick Jr. is survived by his wife of 50 years, Linda; three children, Lynne Lewis (Bobby), Robert J. Kirkpatrick, III (Toni) and K.C. Kirkpatrick (Christy); and two grandsons, Cameron Kirkpatrick and Robert J. Kirkpatrick, IV; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Robert J. Kirkpatrick Jr. 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 Robert J. Kirkpatrick Jr. 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 Robert J. Kirkpatrick Jr.