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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Marion E. Rohner, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her 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, Marion E. Rohner of Port Jervis, New York died on Monday, January 25, 2016, at the age of 98; and

WHEREAS, Born November 30, 1917, to the late George and Mildred Berthiaume in Middletown, New York, Marion E. Rohner married James W. Rohner, Sr. on January 29, 1939, at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Port Jervis; the couple was married for 22 years prior to his death on July 30, 1961; and

WHEREAS, Marion E. Rohner distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, Vice President of Berthiaume's Neversink Lumber Co., Inc., Marion E. Rohner also served as the Secretary for the Harry Silver Law Firm earlier in her life; and

WHEREAS, Marion E. Rohner's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Active within her community, Marion E. Rohner was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of Port Jervis and a 61-year member of the Catholic Daughters of The Americas Court Madonna No. 114, where she served as Past Grand Regent; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she was also a religious education teacher at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of both Kindergarten and Seventh

Grade, and an instructor for the Parvuli Dei (Cub Scout) Church Award;  
and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known to many as "Nan" or "Nana", Marion E. Rohner truly touched the lives of many; for more than 50 years she was a Cub Scout Den Mother for hundreds of local youth, many of which were second generation; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, Marion E. Rohner was honored with the Citizen of the Year Award recognizing her many years of community service; in 2001, she was placed in the Guinness Book of World Records for the "longest serving Cub Scout Den Mother", and a New York State historical marker was placed at her home; in 2009, she was inducted in the Port Jervis Alumni Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by a daughter, Kathleen; great grandson, Joseph Jr.; sister, Regina; daughter-in-law, MaryAnn, Marion E. Rohner is survived by one son; James Jr. (Luverne); grandchildren: William, James III (Tracie), Matthew, Vincent Jr. (Suzanne), Joseph (Lisa), Marianne (Ignacio), Jean (Earl), Shawn (Candice); 15 great-grandchildren: Vincent III, Scott, Sarah, Patrick, Ashley, Zachary, Brenna, Elena, Joshua, Nicholas, Christopher, Daniel, Kelsey, Kristen, and Shawn Jr.; nine great-great-grandchildren; son-in-law: Vincent Sr.; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Marion E. Rohner leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Marion E. Rohner, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Marion E. Rohner.