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Senate Resolution No. 474

BY: Senator AKSHAR

MOURNING the death of Joseph F. Kovarik Jr.,
successful businessman, family man, 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, Joseph F. Kovarik Jr. of Binghamton, New York, died on
Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at the age of 63; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Alfred University, Joseph F. Kovarik
Jr. entered the family business where he would eventually become the
owner and operator of Kovarik True Value Hardware; and

WHEREAS, Joseph F. Kovarik Jr. distinguished himself in his
profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to
the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Joseph F. Kovarik Jr.'s commitment to excellence, and his
spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise,
including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Joseph F. Kovarik Jr. consistently supported the community by opening during emergencies, getting inventory during nearly impossible situations, and lending a hand to those that needed it; this generous and compassionate man also supported several worthy organizations such as Boy Scouts of America and the Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, When he was not managing the store, Joseph F. Kovarik Jr. could often be found strumming his guitar on his front porch, skiing Greek Peak, or teeing off at Ely Park; in 2018, he fulfilled one of his lifelong dreams and played in the pro-am tournament at Enjoie Golf course; and

WHEREAS, Above all, Joseph F. Kovarik Jr. enjoyed spending time with his beloved family, especially while vacationing on the beach in Cape May, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Joseph F. Kovarik Jr. is survived by his wife, Cynthia; his children, Jason (Kristina) Kovarik and Andin (Kyle) Roeber; four grandchildren, and his parents, Joseph Sr. and Virginia Kovarik, as well as numerous friends who will long cherish his steadfast and unrelenting commitment to both family and community; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Joseph F. Kovarik 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 Joseph F. Kovarik Jr., successful businessman, family man, 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 Joseph F. Kovarik Jr.