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Assembly Resolution No. 545

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MOURNING the death of John R. LaPointe, former Putnam Town Supervisor, devoted family man and distinguished member of his community

WHEREAS, There are certain outstanding members of our community who, through their selfless commitment and dedication, have served to better the quality of life in our community and have had a measurable positive impact on the lives of its residents; John R. LaPointe was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of John R. LaPointe, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, John R. LaPointe of Putnam Station, New York, died on Monday, January 17, 2022, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, Born in Ticonderoga, New York, on November 4, 1938, John R. LaPointe was the son of the late Desmond LaPointe and Margaret (Thompson) LaPointe Berner; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Ticonderoga and Putnam Station, John R. LaPointe attended Ticonderoga High School before transferring and graduating from Tabor Academy in Marion, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, John R. LaPointe went on to earn a degree in Hotel Management from SUNY Delhi, before proudly serving his country as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his illustrious 33-year career as a Metropolitan Life Representative, John R. LaPointe was a dedicated public servant for more than five decades; he held many elected and appointed positions in local government, including Village of Ticonderoga Treasurer, Ticonderoga Chamber of Commerce President, Town Justice of Dresden, and was the Town Supervisor of Putnam from 1987 until his retirement in 2019; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, John R. LaPointe also served on the Washington County Board of Supervisors and as Washington County Budget Officer, as well as President of the NYS Association of Towns, President of NYMIR and Vice Chairman of Washington County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he was on the Board of Directors for both NYSAC and OTB, and was an active member of the Ticonderoga Elks Lodge No. 1494 and The Shriners; and

WHEREAS, Pre-deceased by his parents; one sister, Michelle LaPointe; and one son, John Russell LaPointe, John R. LaPointe is survived by his wife of 38 years, Jeanette L. (Cummings) LaPointe; six children, Tom LaPointe (Judy), Chris LaPointe (Charlotte), Desiree LaPointe, Kim Coffin (Matt), Chantel Thomas (Cynthia), and Jason Thomas; 11 grandchildren, Sam and Noah LaPointe, Desmond, Jace and Marlee Diskin,

Michael Gates, Jennell Coffin and Taylor Coffin, and Riley, Ross and Raegan Thomas; and one great-granddaughter, CharlieAnn Gates; as well as four sisters, Rosann Touchette, Bonnie Schmidt, Claire Holland and

Deborah Wehrman; and

WHEREAS, John R. LaPointe's infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through his family's vivid and happy memories; his insight and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, John R. LaPointe leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing man; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of John R. LaPointe, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of John R. LaPointe.