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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Jeffrey Haber, 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, Jeffrey Haber of Schodack, New York, died on Friday, July 26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Born in Schodack, to the late Glenn S. and Dorothy Dorn Haber, Jeffrey Haber accomplished many things in his life, including being named the Most Valuable Player in 1962 while a member of the Maple Hill School baseball team, where as a pitcher he struck out 20 of 21 in a seven-inning game and 112 opposing batters in 50 and 1/3 innings; and

WHEREAS, After high school, Jeffrey Haber attended SUNY Geneseo and earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in Psychology and History; he also earned All-SUNY conference honorable mention for baseball in 1965; and

WHEREAS, After returning home from college, Jeffrey Haber became an active member of the Castleton/Schodack community; some of his involvements included: coaching the Castleton American Legion baseball team in 1968, serving on the board of governors and the other positions at Cordial Greens Country Club, serving as president as well as other offices in the Castleton/Schodack Jaycees, chairing a townwide cancer drive, teaching an adult Sunday school class at Trinity Lutheran Church, and serving on and raising funds for the Castleton Cemetery Association; and

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

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Haber was a founding member of Olde Kinderhook Golf Club and developed many friendships at the club; amongst his many golf achievements, he was a past senior club champion, winning the event in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Jeffrey Haber served as a member and trustee of the Castleton Volunteer Fire Company, 17 years as treasurer of the Castleton Boat Club, and was a past master of Sunnyside Lodge 731 F&AM; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Haber dedicated his adult professional life to local democracy; in 1974, he was elected to the Schodack Town Board and four years later to the first of four consecutive terms as supervisor of the Town of Schodack; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, Jeffrey Haber was selected to become the executive director and treasurer of the Association of Towns of the State of New York, a position he held for 27 years until his retirement in 2012; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Jeffrey Haber was a founder of the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) the largest property casualty insurer of municipalities in New York State, and of the municipal workers compensation alliance which provides coverage to municipalities in the state; and

WHEREAS, Through his involvement in local government, Jeffrey Haber served on many town, county and state commissions, task forces and authorities, including the Town of Schodack Planning Board, Rensselaer County IDA and Water and Sewer Authority and State Comptrollers Advisory Council on the Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, He also served two terms as president of the National Association of Towns and Townships (NATaT) and as president of the National Center for Small Communities; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Haber is survived by his wife, Sandra (Laska), and his children, Jeffrey D. (Karen) Haber, Lucas D. Haber and Samantha (Rishi) Nangia; three grandchildren, Mason, Sagar and Shay Nangia, and two stepchildren and their spouses, as well as four step-grandchildren;

and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Jeffrey Haber 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 Jeffrey Haber, 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 Jeffrey G. Haber.