

## 2013-J3345

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of William K. Distler, 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, William K. Distler of Endwell, New York, and a former resident of Newark Valley, New York, died on January 1, 2014, at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, As a young man, William K. Distler resided in St. Mary's Pennsylvania, and graduated from St. Mary's High School; and

WHEREAS, William K. Distler, a wounded veteran, served his country as a member of the United States Army for 39 months during the Korean Conflict; and

WHEREAS, William K. Distler was a graduate of Lock Haven Teachers College and received his Masters in Education from the University of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, He was dedicated to education, serving as Principal of the Newark Valley High School for 21 years and in Teachers Associations; in honor and memory of William K. Distler, his family will be establishing a Newark Valley High School Scholarship Fund; and

WHEREAS, William K. Distler also served his community for two terms as Tioga County Legislator, two terms as Tioga County Treasurer; was a Boy Scout Leader; former member of the VFW, American Legion, and Loyal Order of Moose; he will be remembered for his great sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, William K. Distler distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Wallace and Florence Distler, and siblings, Wallace Distler, Jr. and Bonnie Caggese, William K. Distler is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Carmella N. Distler; children: Robert (Wendy) Distler, of Milford, OH, Mark (Darlene) Distler, of Lafayette, NY, John (Kathy) Distler, of Westminster, MD, Caryn (Kurt) Johnson, of Endicott and Barbara (David) Distler of Cicero, NY; grandchildren: Greg, Jenna, Mark, Lauren, Kaitlyn, Kyle and Kaileigh; brothers: James and Ronald Distler; several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, William K. Distler 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 William K. Distler, 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 William K. Distler