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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of David Rashkin, 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, David Rashkin, a life-long resident of Mountaindale, New York, died on Saturday, January 25, 2014, at the age of 98; and

WHEREAS, David Rashkin, affectionately known as Dave by his loved ones, was born in New York City on March 22, 1915, to Morris Rashkin and Helen Dauber; and

WHEREAS, In his youth, David Rashkin spent his days working in one of the most pioneering resorts of Sullivan County, Rashkin's Little Falls Hotel and Country Club in Mountaindale; it was here he would later create the renowned waterfall preserve known as TOMSCO; and

WHEREAS, David Rashkin proudly served his Nation as a medic during World War II from 1943 until he was honorably discharged in 1945; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating from Mountaindale High School, he then went on to attain a degree from the prestigious Columbia University College of Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, David Rashkin worked tirelessly to serve the community as local pharmacist; he owned and operated Rashkin's Pharmacy in Woodridge, New York along with Sylvia, his childhood sweetheart and the love of his life; and

WHEREAS, He was known for his intellect and sense of humor as well as the delicious egg creams his pharmacy served; and

WHEREAS, David Rashkin spent a great deal of time and effort transforming the three waterfalls on his family estate into TOMSCO Falls, a

place he liked to refer to as the "Niagara of Sullivan County"; he delighted in giving tours of his property and teaching visitors about the medicinal value of plants and the awesome power of nature; and WHEREAS, David Rashkin's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, He was an esteemed member of the Mountaintale Hebrew Association, the United Jewish Appeal, the Mountaintale Fire Department, and Woodridge Kiwanis Club; as well as serving diligently on the Town of Fallsburg Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, His greatest pleasures were collecting and sharing stories about the history of his beloved Catskill Mountains and most of all, spending time with his family who learned so many lessons by listening and observing his amazing life; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Morris Rashkin and Helen Dauber; and his brother, Dr. Leo Rashkin; David Rashkin is survived by his wife of 70 years, Sylvia Gelfand; their daughters, Marlene (Nate) Cheney, and Judy (Harris) Alport; his grandchildren, Paige and Bart Yablonsky, Beth and Roy Notowitz, and Dory and Jay Frischman; and his great-grandchildren, Ayla and Noah; as well as many devoted nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, A true pioneer and world builder of Sullivan County, David Rashkin believed in giving back to the community he loved so much; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of David Rashkin, 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 David Rashkin.