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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Peter F. Sipperley for his distinguished service to his community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those individuals who have given of themselves in support of the good works and worthy accomplishments of individuals dedicated to fellowship and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Peter F. Sipperley for his distinguished service to his local community, the State of New York, and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, He was born on June 8, 1936, to Carlton Goodell Sipperley and Marion Elizabeth Weckesser, graduating from Rhinebeck High School in the Class of 1953; and

WHEREAS, He became organist at the Church of St. John the Evangelist on October 15, 1956, and has served consistently except when he was serving his country in Korea; and

WHEREAS, Peter F. Sipperley entered the United States Army basic training at Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas, in June of 1959, where he learned how to handle intense heat, developed both a trademark "flattop" haircut and organizational skills which landed him the post of Company Clerk; and

WHEREAS, He returned to Dutchess County after serving in Korea, and resumed his position in the family plumbing business he ran with his brother Vernon and their Uncle Pete; and

WHEREAS, He was elected a trustee of the Village of Rhinebeck in March of 1967, before being elected Mayor of Rhinebeck in 1969, and went on to serve 14 terms in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, On July 6, 1968, Peter F. Sipperley married Lori Larson in

Paoli, Pennsylvania; together they enjoyed a loving marriage which lasted 41 years until her passing in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Peter F. Sipperley has been a trustee of the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Barrytown, New York, since 1971, and has served as President of the Board of Trustees since 1973; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Peter F. Sipperley was appointed by Mayor John Costa to the post of Street Foreman for the Village of Rhinebeck, serving in this position until his retirement in 2006; and

WHEREAS, In retirement, Peter Sipperley served as American Legion Post 429 Commander from 2005-2011, and has continued to serve as Legion Chaplain as well as Historian; and

WHEREAS, Peter F. Sipperley was recently appointed by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to serve as a Board Member of the Black Car Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Peter F. Sipperley for his distinguished service to his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Peter F. Sipperley.