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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Peter F. Sipperley for his distinguished service to the Church of St. John the Evangelist

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 the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 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, In addition to his service to his church, Peter F. Sipperley served his nation during the Korean War in the United States Army, returning to the Church of St. John the Evangelist while running the family plumbing business with his brother Vernon and their Uncle Pete; 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, He has committed his life to his church family serving with distinction for nearly 60 years as the Organist of the Church of St. John the Evangelist; and

WHEREAS, He has always modeled servanthood within his church community and throughout his involvement in public life; and

WHEREAS, Peter F. Sipperley chose not only to serve his church community but was elected to serve his entire local community as a Trustee of the Village of Rhinebeck in 1967, and as Mayor of Rhinebeck in 1969, serving 14 terms; and

WHEREAS, Peter F. Sipperley continued his public service serving as American Legion Post 429 Commander, and as a Legion Chaplain and Historian; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Peter F. Sipperley for his distinguished service to the Church of St. John the Evangelist; and be it further

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