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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Margaret Agnes Larkin, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her 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, Margaret "Marge" Agnes Larkin, a lifelong resident of New Hampton, New York, died on Monday, April 7, 2014, at the age of 102; and

WHEREAS, Born on April 19, 1911, in New Paltz, New York, Margaret was the daughter of the late Catherine Gilhooley and Thomas McManus; and
WHEREAS, She graduated from Garr Institute in Goshen, New York, and was a member of the first graduating class of the Horton School of Nursing in Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Margaret married Roland F. Larkin on September 27, 1944, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church; after Roland's death in 1961, she alone raised their four young children; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Larkin continued her nursing work as Director of Nursing at St. Teresa's Nursing Home in Middletown, while providing quality home health care to patients; she dedicated her life to taking care of others, always maintaining her warm and happy disposition; and

WHEREAS, Margaret A. Larkin distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, Margaret A. Larkin's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Larkin was a lifetime member of, and Eucharistic Minister for, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church; a member of the Third Order

of Carmelites, member of the Irish American Club; former Matron of the Wallkill River Juvenile Grange, and past Aide to the Grand Marshal of the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee; and

WHEREAS, She was also honored to be selected as the 1981 Elks Mother of the Year; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman inspired her family with her endless love, strength, spontaneity and accepting attitude; in addition to raising her children, Margaret cared for her 10 grandchildren; she was a proud mother, grandmother and great-grandmother whose compassion was constant and served as a model for all; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her siblings: Irene, Elizabeth, John, James and Rose; one grandchild, Sandra J. Schuler, and her son-in-law, R. Barry McPhillips; Margaret A. Larkin is survived by her four children: Mary McPhillips, Irene "Renee" Schuler, Anne "Punki" R. Rose and Roland F. (Mary) Larkin; nine grandchildren: Jodie (Stephen) Rocchio, Richard (Michelle) McPhillips, Dr. Roland M. (Christie) Larkin, Rebekkah Rose (Enai), Susan E. Schuler, Toby (Angiolina) Schuler, Patrick (Misty) Larkin, Erin Larkin, and Matthew (Erica) Rose; 14 great-grandchildren: Grace, Carver, Connor, Mattie, Ellis, Stephanie, Catie, Alexander, Ayden, Richard, Lilah, Agym, Nicholas and Zachary; and other significant family members: Richard (Mary) Sanok, and Bob Rose; as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Margaret A. Larkin leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Margaret Agnes Larkin, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to the family of Margaret Agnes Larkin.