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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing December 19, 2014, as Rees Specht Kindness Day in memory of Richard Edwin-Ehmer Specht and his family's commitment to make the world a better place in his name

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize December 19, 2014, as Rees Specht Kindness Day in memory of Richard Edwin-Ehmer Specht and his family's commitment to make the world a better place in his name; and

WHEREAS, On October 27, 2012, the unimaginable happened to the Specht family; their little boy, Richard Edwin-Ehmer Specht (Rees), drowned in the pond in their backyard; and

WHEREAS, The intent of Rees Specht Kindness Day is to encourage people to help each other and work together to accomplish small things which make a big difference; each of us possesses the ability to do something super: Respect each other, Respect ourselves: Rees-Specht life; the observance of this day reminds people the importance of community, compassion and respect; and

WHEREAS, To promote these ideals, the Specht family has established a Memorial Scholarship as well as an awareness campaign through which ReesSpecht Life Cards are handed out every time an act of kindness is performed; the hope is that each recipient in turn will then carry out an act of kindness and a chain reaction will ensue; to date, over 40,000 ReesSpecht Life Cards have been distributed, confirming that one act can truly make this world a better place, one Rees' Piece at a time; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the Life Cards, a children's book, A LITTLE REES SPECHT CULTIVATES KINDNESS, will be published and all proceeds from its sales will go to the Memorial Scholarship fund; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the Specht family is to have a ReesSpecht Life scholarship in every high school across the country; Richard Edwin-Ehmer

(Rees) Specht was a little boy whose life was brief, but whose legacy of kindness will literally spread across the globe; and

WHEREAS, Rees Specht Kindness Day is a day on which we can remind each other that even the smallest acts of kindness can have a tremendous impact; on this day we should all try and work together and do the small things that make a big difference; and

WHEREAS, All too often in our hectic world we lose sight of the little things that enrich our lives and the lives of those around us; through Rees Specht Kindness Day we will strive to promote these ideals through a day set aside to remind us all of the importance of kindness, compassion and civility towards our fellow man; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize December 19, 2014, as Rees Specht Kindness Day in memory of Richard Edwin-Ehmer Specht and his family's commitment to make the world a better place in his name; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Specht family.