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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Thomas M. Jacobs, 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, Thomas M. Jacobs of Glens Falls, New York, died on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, The son of Milton and Minna Wagner Jacobs, Thomas M. Jacobs was born August 14, 1926, in Montreal, Canada; shortly after his birth, he and his family moved to Berlin, New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, Thomas M. Jacobs graduated from Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine in 1944, and enlisted as a member of the United States Army where he served honorably in Okinawa and Japan for two years; and

WHEREAS, Upon returning from military service, this esteemed man enrolled in Middlebury College, where he graduated with a degree in geology with honors; and

WHEREAS, In August 1949, Thomas M. Jacobs married his Middlebury College classmate, Marilyn Mulholland of Wellsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, From early childhood, Thomas M. Jacobs was an avid skier, proficient in all four disciplines of ski racing, including slalom, downhill, cross-country and jumping; he competed successfully all through high school and college, won skimeister trophies, and earned a place on the Middlebury team that won the 1948 National Collegiate Championships; and

WHEREAS, While working on his masters degree at the University of Colorado, Thomas M. Jacobs was selected to join the United States Ski Team at the 1952 Olympic Games in Oslo, Norway; he placed 21st in the

Nordic combined jumping and cross-country event; and

WHEREAS, After the Olympics, he was hired as Colorado University's first full-time ski coach; during his tenure as ski coach, he served as chairman of the NCAA committee on skiing and authored the NCAA rules; and

WHEREAS, Thomas M. Jacobs became the executive director of the National Ski Association after finishing his coaching career; in addition, he served as director of the Steamboat Springs Chamber of Commerce and Winter Sports Club; and

WHEREAS, In 1958, Thomas M. Jacobs moved with his family to Glens Falls, where he was employed as a sales representative for Finch & Pruyn Paper Company for 11 years; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man remained active in the world of skiing, owning the Inside Edge Ski and Bike shop and a catalog business, Reliable Racing Supply; he also founded the ski school at West Mountain, the Southern Adirondack Racing League and the Friends of Coles Woods; and

WHEREAS, Thomas M. Jacobs distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the skiing community; he was recognized for his many contributions with an

induction into the National Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Thomas M. Jacobs's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his sister, Louise Richter, Thomas M. Jacobs is survived by his wife, Marilyn; his three children, Jeffrey, Diana, and John (Susan Ide); his seven grandchildren, Jocelin (Jason), Courtney (Ernest), Thembi (Jamal), Zuri (Justin), Jena, John "Jake" Jacobs and Hannah (Thye); as well as 12 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Thomas M. Jacobs leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all

he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Thomas M. Jacobs, 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 Thomas M. Jacobs.