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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Jacques Levine, 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, Jacques Levine, a 78 year resident of Middletown, New York, died on Thursday, November 13, 2014, at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, The son of the late Falk and Esther Levine, Jacques Levine was born on September 4, 1922, in New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, Jacques Levine came to Middletown, New York in 1936, when he and his family moved to the area to open Middletown Footwear; he was a graduate of Middletown High School in the Class of 1940, and went on to earn a degree from Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1943; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his studies, Jacques Levine honorably served in the United States Army during the second World War; following his time in the Army, he returned to Middletown to help his father manage and operate the family business; and

WHEREAS, Middletown Footwear was first located off Fulton Street, but for the majority of its decades of operation, it was on Railroad Avenue; the company manufactured women's shoes and slippers and its products were shipped all over the world; and

WHEREAS, Jacques Levine distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, On September 2, 1944, Jacques Levine married his wife, Florence, and together they raised four beautiful children; and

WHEREAS, Jacques Levine's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Known throughout the mid-Hudson for his community service just as much as his success in footwear manufacturing, Jacques Levine was a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple Sinai, and was a Scoutmaster of Troop 60, Boy Scouts of America for more than three decades; he was also a member of the Board of Gomez Mill House Foundation in Marlboro, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he recently retired from the Board of the Orange County Land Trust where he was honored; he was named to the Footwear News Hall of Fame in 1998, was a member of the Middletown University Club and taught the ENCORE Program at SUNY Orange; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife, Florence, son, Harold, and sister, June, Jacques Levine is survived by two sons, Alan (Alison) and David (Sherrie); a daughter, Minna (Ronald); daughter-in-law, Carol; his dear companion, Paula; eight grandchildren, Rachel (Matthew), Eric (Samantha), Emily (Matthew), Malcolm (Melissa), Sam, Benjamin, Aaron and Miriam; five great-grandchildren, Harrison, Liv, Henry, Hadley and Ace; and many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Jacques Levine 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 Jacques Levine, 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 Jacques Levine.