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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Donald R. Kline, 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, Donald R. Kline of Livingston, New York, died on Friday, April 24, 2015, at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, Born on December 20, 1935, in Hudson, New York, Donald R. Kline was the son of the late Donald P. and Thelma (Krebs) Kline; and

WHEREAS, Donald R. Kline graduated from Germantown Central School, and proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Following the completion of his military service, Donald R. Kline joined his father in operating Hopedale Farm; in addition, he started driving a school bus, and later started his own transportation business which lasted for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Upon the death of his father in 1984, Donald R. Kline continued to expand operations at the apple farm along with his son, Gregory; and

WHEREAS, Donald R. Kline distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; he was a member of the Livingston Memorial Church at Linlithgo, a life member of the Livingston Pumper Company, and a member of the Germantown Board of Education, as well as Town Councilman; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Donald R. Kline served on the Columbia County Board of Supervisors and was a member of the Questar Board of Education for 38 years; and

WHEREAS, Donald R. Kline's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of

humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Donald R. Kline's numerous community activities included the Lions Club, Livingston Recreation Association, the Columbia Economic Development Corporation, and the Industrial Development Agency; he was also a founding member of the Germantown Booster Club; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous accolades for his outstanding service, Donald R. Kline was honored with the Lucis Cary Service Award, and the 2009 Lincoln Day Award; and

WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Donald R. Kline is survived by his wife, the former Sharon Hinkein; two sons, Donald (Bonnie) and Gregory (Luanne); his grandchildren, Kristine, Gregory, Kelly, Danny, Christopher, and Thomas; and three siblings, Eleanor (Larry), Neil (Karen), and Virginia (John); as well as several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Donald R. Kline 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 Donald R. Kline, 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 Donald R. Kline.