

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Doris Seidlitz,
distinguished citizen and devoted member of her
community

WHEREAS, There are certain outstanding members of our community who, through their selfless commitment and dedication, have served to better the quality of life in our community and have had a measurable positive impact on the lives of its residents; Doris Seidlitz was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Doris Seidlitz, noting the significance of her purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Doris Seidlitz, a longtime resident of Pound Ridge, New York, who was active in local real estate for more than 40 years, died on October 3, 2021, at the age of 94; and

WHEREAS, Born in New York City on October 13, 1926 to Isidore and Augusta Rafkin, Doris Seidlitz had two siblings, Elaine and Lewis; she grew up in the Five Towns on Long Island and attended Goucher College; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of her studies, Doris Seidlitz moved to Manhattan where she completed the Bloomingdale's training program before working in fashion retail; she met her future husband, Richard, in 1955 and the couple was married in 1957; and

WHEREAS, After moving to Pound Ridge with her husband and their three children in 1969, Doris Seidlitz quickly made a name for herself in local real estate, working first for Bixler and Co. and then Houlihan Lawrence; this extraordinary woman continued to work into her 90s, selling her last house only months before her death; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Doris Seidlitz gave tirelessly of her time and energies as a board member of the Mount Kisco Child Care Center where she cared deeply for all the children, families, staff and fellow board members; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she was an early volunteer at the Katonah Museum of Art where she created a travel program which took gallery members around the world to visit museums and other cultural landmarks; and

WHEREAS, In her later years, Doris Seidlitz could be found walking her dog in the Pound Ridge Reservation or holding court at any one of a number of local businesses where she had developed long-running friendships; and

WHEREAS, Renowned for her integrity, enthusiasm and quick wit, Doris

Seidlitz had a strong hug, incredibly warm heart, was an amazing storyteller, and had the unique ability to make whoever she was talking to feel like they were the most important person in the room; and

WHEREAS, Doris Seidlitz is survived by her husband, Richard; and her three children, Jane, Anne and Richard Jr., as well as two grandchildren; her infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through her family's vivid and happy memories; her insight and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives she touched; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Doris Seidlitz leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing woman; she will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Doris Seidlitz, and to express its deepest condolences to her family; and be it further

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