

**BY:** Senator HARCKHAM

**MOURNING** the death of Gerald Klein, former Cortlandt Town Justice, family man 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 this great Empire State; and

**WHEREAS,** It is with feelings of deepest regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Gerald Klein, of Cortlandt, New York, who died on Friday, November 13, 2020, at the age of 76; and

**WHEREAS,** Born on September 28, 1944, Gerald Klein spent many years as a lawyer in private practice in Croton-on-Hudson, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, having served on the bench for almost three decades, Gerald Klein attempted to make his courtroom a place where he could play a role in getting young criminal offenders back on the right track; both an ally and advocate for people, he brought great compassion and the belief in second chances to his courtroom; and

**WHEREAS,** During his illustrious career, Gerald Klein was well respected by all his colleagues, fellow judges, and attorneys, as well as the general community; he will be remembered for presiding over the court with distinction, fairness, integrity and honor; and

**WHEREAS,** Gerald Klein distinguished himself in his profession by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

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

**WHEREAS,** A long-time congregant at Temple Israel of Northern Westchester, Gerald Klein enjoyed being a Croton Lion and volunteering on many charitable committees; a board member of the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce, he also served as chairman of the Cortlandt Planning Board; and

**WHEREAS,** Gerald Klein is survived by his wife, Lee; and their three children; as well as many family members, friends, and coworkers; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Gerald Klein 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; he 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 Gerald Klein, noting the significance of the loss of a man whose altruistic spirit and civic dedication will be greatly missed; and be it further

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