Assembly Resolution No. 313

BY: M. of A. Zebrowski

MOURNING the death of Harold Joseph Peterson, loving husband, father and grandfather, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his 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; Harold Joseph Peterson was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Harold Joseph Peterson, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Harold Joseph Peterson of New City, New York, died on June 24, 2022, at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, Born April 22, 1945, Harold Joseph Peterson grew up primarily in Rockland County and graduated from Albertus Magnus High School and Iona College; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man spent his life dedicated to his community and to his country, serving two years in the United States Army where he became an expert in the Pershing Missile; and

WHEREAS, Committed to improving the lives of the people of Rockland County, Harold Joseph Peterson, with his knowledge, leadership, and dedication, was an integral part of the Rockland non-profit community; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Harold Joseph Peterson worked with numerous local charitable organizations, including the Arthritis Foundation, Good Samaritan Hospital, Nyack Hospital, United Hospice of Rockland, Child Care Resources of Rockland, Meals on Wheels, St. Thomas Aquinas College, Arc of Rockland, and numerous other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Harold Joseph Peterson served as Rockland County Finance Commissioner from 1986 to 1992, before having a successful career in banking; and

WHEREAS, Harold Joseph Peterson, who displayed many exceptional talents and unique qualities, lived an immensely beautiful life built on compassion and love; he was a faithful Catholic and parishioner at St. Augustine's Church in New City; he was a lifelong Yankee fan who enjoyed golf and poker, but whose first love was his family; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Harold Nathaniel and Loretta Peterson, Harold Joseph Peterson is survived by his beloved wife,

Stella; daughter, Melissa (Michael); son, Michael (Kathleen); sisters Kathleen (Tasos) and Mary (Richard); five grandchildren, Kara, Emma, Jack, Kaitlyn, and Anna; and numerous nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Harold Joseph Peterson 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 Harold Joseph Peterson, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Harold Joseph Peterson.