



2013 RESOLUTION MEMORIALS

MEMORIAL FOR FORMER COUNCILMAN RICHARD A. WEST

WHEREAS, Richard A. West, 81, passed away on Thursday, July 25, 2012 at Waterview Center in Cedar Grove, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, born on March 31, 1932, Richard proudly self-identified as a lifelong resident of, and self-advocate for, his hometown of Bloomfield; and

WHEREAS, Richard served as a longtime member of the Bloomfield Democratic County Committee, as well as town chair; and

WHEREAS, Richard served Bloomfield as an elected town councilman-at-large, from 1965 to 1967, the first time in town history in which the local Democratic Party had achieved a majority on the council; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in public office, Richard was an outspoken advocate of various causes, including adult education, a municipal swimming pool, library expansion, curriculum expansion involving mathematics, science and computers, as well as school redistricting. All the time, however, he remained a zealous defender of taxpayer funds; and

WHEREAS, Richard was also elected to four consecutive terms as a member of the Bloomfield Board of Education from 1975 to 1987, serving as board president from 1986 to 1987; and

WHEREAS, Richard served in leadership positions in several local civic organizations, including as trustee of the Bloomfield Public Library, president trustee of Historical Society of Bloomfield, member of the board of directors of the Bloomfield Adult School, and director of the Bloomfield Senior Citizens Association; and

WHEREAS, Richard had other community involvements included serving as president of the Bloomfield AARP, as Troop and Scout Master of Troop No. 25, as a lector at St. Valentine's Church, and as a member of the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Richard also devoted his life to serving as a family member and educator; and

WHEREAS, Richard graduated from Bloomfield High School and Rutgers University before embarking on a lengthy career as a teacher at Passaic Valley High School in Little Falls, where he taught U.S. history from 1956 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, Richard also earned a master's equivalent degree from Montclair State University; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at Passaic Valley, Richard received numerous grants, certificates awards, and acknowledgments from the state, county, and local educational organizations including two grants from the New Jersey State Department for innovative teaching; and

WHEREAS, Richard is survived by his devoted wife, Jean; his three children Richard West Jr. and his wife, Tara; Robert West, and Debra Abrams and her husband Elliott and his two grandchildren, Megan and Matthew.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Bloomfield, New Jersey that on their behalf and on behalf of all the Departments of the Township and the Citizens of the Township, that this public expression be made in his memory for his invaluable and dedicated service to the community; and

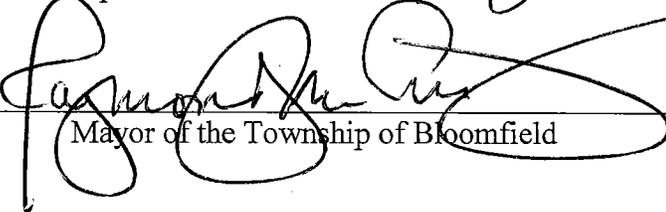
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be spread in full upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy thereof signed by the Mayor shall be presented to his beloved wife, Jean, as an expression of the high esteem in which Richard was held during his lifetime.

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I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on September 16, 2013.



 Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield



 Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

✓ Vote Record - Resolution 2898						
		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent	
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