

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX

RESOLUTION NO. _____
PROPOSED BY: FREEHOLDER GILL
SUBJECT:

AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(q)
AUTHORITY FOR ACTION C.C.E 2-29 (B)

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IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT A. PETOIA

WHEREAS, Robert A. Petoia, of West Caldwell, New Jersey, is being remembered upon his passing from this life on Sunday, April 19, 2020, at the age of 88 of complications from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Petoia was born in Glen Ridge, New Jersey, and grew up in East Orange and Belleville. He graduated from Barringer High School in 1949 and married the love of his life Jean (Fisher) in 1951; and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Petoia proudly served as a United States Navy Veteran of the Korean War. After completing his service, he pursued a career in electronics. With his entrepreneurial spirit, friendly personality, and magnetic smile, he opened Roberts TV & Appliance Stores in West Orange and Parsippany, which he successfully ran for over 35 years; and

WHEREAS, starting out in West Orange and Bloomfield, Robert A. Petoia moved to West Caldwell in 1964 to raise his family. He was a member and past-President of the West Essex Chapter of UNICO and was a member and Deacon at the First Presbyterian Church of Caldwell. In his "retirement", he worked in the electronics department at Walmart in Brick for over 20 years before officially "retiring" at age 83. He served as a past-President of the Laurelton Gardens Co-Operative Association in Brick, New Jersey, where he lived until returning to West Caldwell in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Petoia is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Jean (Fisher); his daughter Donna Levenstien and husband Robert of New York City and Hague, New York; his son Robert Petoia and wife Caroline of West Caldwell; his son Ron Petoia of Lake Wylie, South Carolina; his 15 grandchildren Jennifer, Lauren, Michelle, Katie, Michael, Robert, Cabot, Talia, Malynne, Gabriel, Jacob, Jeremiah, Callum and Evangeline; 3 great grandchildren Priya, Nola and Ryan.; and a host of other extended family and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby celebrates the life and mourns the passing of Robert A. Petoia, and offers their heartfelt condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Robert A. Petoia

Approved as to form and legality _____

Michael J. P... ..
Freeholder Counsel

RECORD OF VOTE (X=Vote N.V.=Abstention ABS=Absent)

Moved by Freeholder _____
Second by Freeholder _____

Freeholder	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS	Freeholder	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS
COOPER					POMARES				
GRAHAM					RICHARDSON, V.P.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
JOHNSON					SEBOLD				
LUCIANO									
MERCADO					GILL, PRES.				

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was () adopted () defeated () tabled by roll call vote at a _____ meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Essex, New Jersey held on _____

Is Publication Required () Yes () No

Date Published _____

Brendan W. Gill, President