

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX

#33

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)

IN MEMORIAM

SAMUEL MATHEW KENT

WHEREAS, Samuel Mathew Kent, of West Caldwell, New Jersey, is being remembered upon his passing from this life on Sunday, April 12, 2020, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Mathew Kent was born in Whitehall, New York, in 1936 to the late Mathew and Kathryn (Young) Kent. He lived in Hydeville, Vermont, before moving to New Jersey in 1942. A graduate of Grover Cleveland High School in 1955, he continued his education at the American School of Banking and The Stonier School of Banking at Rutgers; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Mathew Kent served in the United States Navy Reserve and was honorably discharged as a Third-Class Petty Officer. He began his career at the National Newark & Essex Bank in Caldwell and continued as a Regional Vice President at Midlantic Bank, Metropolitan State Bank, Valley National Bank and Broadway Bank before retirement; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Mathew Kent met the love of his life, Carol Ann Peterson and they married in 1967. He enjoyed working on their house, traveling, especially to the Poconos and Vermont, and spending time with their large circle of friends and family. They loved going to garage sales, finding treasures to support Willing Hearts Consignment Shop. He was passionate about photography throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Mathew Kent was a well-known Rotarian of the Caldwells, serving twice as club President. He received the Paul Harris Award four times, the Service Above Self award twice, the Distinguished Service Citation, the Lifetime Achievement Award and he was bestowed the status of Emeritus Member; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Mathew Kent's dedication to service in the West Essex Community was remarkable. He was the West Essex Chamber of Commerce Professional of the Year 1976-77; Executive of the Year 1992; Outstanding Citizen by the Township of West Caldwell; received a Certificate of Appreciation from the U.S. Customs Service; served as President of Family Service of West Essex 1974-75; received the Civic Community Service Award from The Giblin Association (2003); and the Kiwanis celebrated him for Generosity to the Caldwell West Essex Community (2017); and

WHEREAS, Samuel Mathew Kent was very proud to be an Honorary Member of the Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department and their photo historian at every fire scene and ceremony. He was an active member of the American Legion, James Caldwell Post 185 and he was a member of West Essex Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); and

WHEREAS, Samuel Mathew Kent was predeceased by his soulmate Carol who recently passed on March 24, 2020. In death, as in life, they were inseparable; and his brother David. He is survived by his cherished son, Matthew David Kent and his wife, Sara; adored granddaughter, Star Magick Kent-Finnegan; loving sister, Dolores Russomano and her husband, Jim; caring sister-in-law, Janet Guenther and her husband, Otto; devoted nieces, Kelly Carey (Tom) and her son, John Torchia; Erin Kent; Tracey Ritch (Rob) and Debbie Heard (Kennon) and their children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby celebrates the life and mourns the passing of Samuel Mathew Kent 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 Samuel Mathew Kent.

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