

RESOLUTION NO. 199

HONORING JAMES W. DARBYSHIRE AND EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO THE DARBYSHIRE FAMILY

Introduced: 5/12/08

By Albany County Legislature:

WHEREAS, On March 4, 2008, the County of Albany lost one of its most dedicated public servants, James W. Darbyshire, after a long and courageous battle with cancer, and

WHEREAS, Jim Darbyshire served in the Albany County Legislature from 1979 until 2000 representing the constituents of the 21st Legislative District, and

WHEREAS, Jim was an advocate for open and honest government and proved that by sponsoring legislation that established meetings and public hearings after 5:00 p.m. so residents could attend, legislation that allowed citizens the right to address the Albany County Legislature, and legislation requiring all public hearings and meetings be televised, and

WHEREAS, Jim was an advocate for those who were disabled, and fought to provide these residents with the services and dignity that they deserved as Albany County citizens, and

WHEREAS, Jim not only served Albany County as a dedicated representative, but also served as the director of the Heritage Park from 2000 to 2003, and

WHEREAS, Jim showed his dedication to the youth of this State with 32 years of service as a teacher at Saratoga Springs High School, where he was highly regarded and well respected by his students and peers alike, and

WHEREAS, Jim was proud of his service to the S.W. Pitts Hose Company, serving as chief from 1978 to 1979 and eventually becoming an "Old Timer" member, and

WHEREAS, In spite of all he achieved, Jim should be best known for is his dedication to his family of which he touted as his greatest accomplishment. Jim's love for his children, Kristen and her husband James, Diane and her husband Scott, and Brian was unquestionable, and when he spoke of them it always brought a smile to his face. His love for his children and his granddaughter Maen, who was the apple of his eye, cannot be expressed in mere words, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Honorable Body take time out of its deliberations to honor and reflect on the memory of its colleague James W. Darbyshire, an excellent Albany County Legislator and a devoted father, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this Honorable Body express its deepest sympathies to the Darbyshire family, hoping that the family knows that Jim was a mentor to his colleagues in the Albany County Legislature, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County officials and to the family of the late James W. Darbyshire.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 5/12/08