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Dear Cresskill Community,

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Judge Michael R. Dressler, a dedicated public servant, longtime resident of Cresskill, and former mayor. Over decades, he turned personal tragedy into a life of service: after a near-fatal accident in his youth left him paralyzed, he persevered, earning his law degree and dedicating his career to the public good.

As Cresskill councilman, then mayor, and later as Bergen County Surrogate's Court judge, he applied fairness, compassion and integrity to matters of wills, guardianship and probate, helping countless families through difficult times. He truly dedicated his life to public service.

His legacy goes beyond office titles. Judge Dressler had a deep sense of community spirit, and commitment to those he served. Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences go out to his wife Aggie, his family, friends, and all who were touched by his kindness.

May his memory be eternal.

John Morgan, MD
Mayor, Borough of Cresskill