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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of John E. Dolan of Norwich, New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to mourn publicly cherished citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is with deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of John E. Dolan, of Norwich, New York on December 3, 2012; and

WHEREAS, John E. Dolan, soldier, public servant, loving companion, insurance salesman, wonderful husband and father, involved member of his community, master story teller and generally great guy, passed away at his Norwich, New York home on December 3, 2012, at the age of 93; and

WHEREAS, John E. Dolan was born on October 29, 1919, in Norwich to John and Mary (Farrell) Dolan; he attended St. Paul's School and graduated from Norwich High School in 1937 where he had boxed and played hockey and football; and

WHEREAS, John Dolan entered the military in 1943 after working at Bell Aircraft in Buffalo and became a tail gunner on the B-29 "Daring Donna" stationed in the Pacific on Tinian in the Mariana Islands; he completed 35 missions over Japan in the company of other brave young men who remained meaningful to him throughout his life and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross; and

WHEREAS, On June 22, 1946, John Dolan married Dorothy A. Swertfager with whom he shared over 50 years and for whom he lovingly cared in the many years of her last illness; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return from the military, John E. Dolan became a life insurance salesman for the Prudential Insurance Company; he worked for the company for more than thirty years and also became an involved and valued member of his community; and

WHEREAS, In 1966 he was elected Supervisor of Wards One, Two and Three

in Norwich; he served as a Supervisor until 1979 and, later, went on to again serve as a Member of the Board of Supervisors for another 15 years, finally retiring from the Board in 1999; and

WHEREAS, In later years, John E. Dolan was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and loved skiing and golfing with his friends Dick Ellinwood and Del Cook; and

WHEREAS, John E. Dolan believed in family, friends, faith, the under-dog, and having a good time whenever possible; he found joy in every day of his long and beautiful life and those who loved him are grateful for the time they shared with him; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his parents, John E. Dolan was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy, his siblings John F. Dolan, Anna Dolan Suplee, James Dolan and Francis Dolan, and his beloved grandson Trevor Patrick Dolan; and

WHEREAS, John E. Dolan is survived by his loving companion, Doris Ferrara of Sidney, New York; his children Mary Pat Dolan and David Kerness of Ithaca, John F. Dolan of Binghamton, Michael P. Dolan and Connie A. Dolan of Londonderry, New Hampshire, Timothy and Jill Dolan of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Thomas J. Dolan of Lexington, Kentucky, Ann Dolan and Jim VanBuskirk of Norwich, New York, Mark and Sue Dolan of Endwell, New York, Nancy D. and Steven Roder of Orchard Park, New York, Christopher Dolan and Erin Kane of Schwenksville, Pennsylvania, and James and April Dolan of Syracuse; and

WHEREAS, He is also survived by his grandchildren Kristin Hathaway, Brandon and Megan Dolan, Bryan Dolan and Kelley Dolan Genest, Jonathan Dolan, Kate Wilkinson Lyons, Elaine Wilkinson and Jeffrey Wilkinson, Leigh and Eric Dolan, Allison and Daniel Roder, and Madison and McKenzie Dolan; and

WHEREAS, Over his meritorious life John E. Dolan distinguished himself as a man of sincere dedication and substantial contribution; his legacy will forever live on through his family and the many lives he touched

throughout his lifetime; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the memory of John E. Dolan, to celebrate his life, and to honor his accomplishments; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of John E. Dolan.