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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of C. Addison Keeler, Jr., distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of C. Addison Keeler, Jr., of Binghamton, New York, who died on January 7, 2009, at the age of 78; and

WHEREAS, The son of Charles Addison and Esther Montgomery Keeler, C. Addison Keeler, Jr. graduated at the top of his class from Binghamton Central in 1948; he then received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hamilton College in 1952, Phi Beta Kappa and an LLB from the Cornell Law School in 1955, where he graduated first in his class, served on the Cornell Law Review and received the Order of the Coif; and

WHEREAS, After admission to the Bar of the State of New York in 1955, C. Addison Keeler, Jr. became an associate with Hinman, Howard and Kattell; next, he was appointed a confidential law clerk to the Appellate Division of the Third Department of the Supreme Court of the State of New York and then returned to practice at Hinman, Howard and Kattell and was made a partner in 1962; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Broome County, New York State and American Bar Associations, C. Addison Keeler, Jr. concentrated his practice in Health Law, Estates and Trusts, Taxation and Pensions and Employee benefits; he retired from the firm in 1999, after 42 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life, C. Addison Keeler, Jr. compiled an impressive record of civic and charitable service, he served as a director and counsel of Twin Tier Home Health Care; counsel and director of the Good Shepherd-Fairview Home; director of the Broome County Nursing Home Board; director of the Broome County Urban League; director and president of the Broome County Social Planning Council;

director of the Broome County United Way and director of the Broome County Arts Council; and co-founded the NY-Penn Health Services Agency; and

WHEREAS, C. Addison Keeler, Jr. was also a member of the Broome County Chamber of Commerce and its Live Wire Club; for 20 years, he wrote the scripts for the performances of the Live Wire Players at the annual Chamber dinner and for performances at the annual Hinman, Howard & Kattell holiday parties for many years; and

WHEREAS, In addition, C. Addison Keeler, Jr. was a member of the Binghamton Garden Club, the YMCA varsity volleyball team that went to the national tournament and was both a camper and counselor at the YMCA Camp Arrowhead; and

WHEREAS, An active member of First Presbyterian Church, C. Addison Keeler, Jr. served as an elder, a deacon and a Sunday school teacher, as well as being a member of the choir; and

WHEREAS, C. Addison Keeler, Jr. is survived by his wife of 52 years, Nancy Bertholf Keeler; daughters, Martha (Thomas) Macinski, Molly Ann Keeler, and Mary Jane Keeler (Adrian Berridge); sons, James Robert Keeler and Charles Benjamin Keeler; grandchild, Sarah (Adam) Sperry; great-grandchild, Dorothy Sperry; sister, Oppie (James, Jr.) Ludwig; brother, John M. (Marcella) Keeler; and several nieces, nephews and cousins, all of whom felt privileged to be a part of his life and rejoiced in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, C. Addison Keeler, Jr. leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of C. Addison Keeler, Jr., distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of C. Addison Keeler, Jr.