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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Wendell H. Miller, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Wendell H. Miller of Binghamton, New York, died on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Born in Brooklyn, New York, on November 17, 1922, Wendell H. Miller graduated from Syracuse University in 1943 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and then served as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, He moved to Binghamton, New York, in 1948, to join his father, Harry, at Miller Motor Car Corp. where he served as President for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Wendell H. Miller distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Wendell H. Miller's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Active in the automotive community, Wendell H. Miller served as President of the National Automobile Dealers Association in 1981, President of the New York State Automobile Dealers Association in 1972, President of Broome County Auto Dealers, and Chairman of the Dodge National Dealer Council in 1968; and

WHEREAS, He was honored as a SPORTS ILLUSTRATED Dealer of Distinction in 1983, a TIME MAGAZINE Quality Dealer Finalist in 1985, and received

the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Wendell H. Miller was also very active serving his community as President of the Broome County Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Board of Directors of Roberson Center, Methodist Homes for the Aging, Twin Tier Home Health Care, Binghamton Boys Club, Binghamton Housing Authority, Boy Scouts of America, and Security Mutual Life Insurance Company; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, a 32nd Degree Mason of the Kahlurah Shrine, Wendell H. Miller was a member of Binghamton Rotary, Binghamton Country Club, Binghamton City Club, 21 Club, Austin Putting Academy, Oteyokwa Lake Club, and Delray Beach Club; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents Harry H. and Elsie Krier Miller, and his son, Donald L. Miller, Wendell H. Miller is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Madeleine "Maddy" Park Miller; son, Kenneth H. Miller and his wife, Judith; daughter, Carol A. Lampton and her husband, Roger; and son, Stephen W. Miller and his wife, Susan; grandchildren, Geoffrey Miller, Stacey Miller, Sarah D'Esti Miller Rogers and her husband, Claude, Joshua Miller and his wife, Heather, Stephen Miller, Jr. and his wife, Rebecca, Sterling Larnerd and her husband, Brian, Christina Stevens and her husband, Greg, Miller Sandow, Matthew Miller, Margaret Miller, Catherine Miller, Kara Mason; 10 great-grandchildren; brother, Harry Miller and his wife, Beth; and sister in law, Marion Fabrey and her husband, Robert; and

WHEREAS, Wendell H. Miller loved to travel with Maddy and their family; he loved his time at Oteyokwa Lake as well as his time at the ocean; he loved his work and took great pride in the success of his business and employees but, his greatest joy was Maddy, and spending time with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Wendell H. Miller 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 Wendell H. Miller, 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 Wendell H. Miller.