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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of George Ewing, Sr., 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, George Ewing, Sr., of Canandaigua, New York, died on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, George Ewing, Sr. distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

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

WHEREAS, A world traveler who put the focus on community news in his newspapers, George Ewing, Sr. was an award-winning journalist, a noted philanthropist and an avid community activist; and

WHEREAS, Small-town newspaper publisher George Ewing, Sr., owned the DAILY MESSENGER in Canandaigua for 47 years; he was a New York City native who bought the newspaper from the Waterbury family in 1959; and

WHEREAS, George Ewing, Sr. often wrote all the editorials himself and his hands-on style and business acumen came with a generosity of spirit and a sense of humor that endeared him to employees; and

WHEREAS, With his son, George Ewing, Jr., who succeeded him as publisher in 1992, the Ewing family bought nine suburban weeklies serving Rochester's suburbs in 1996 and added a tenth one in 1999; they sold the daily newspaper and its stable of weeklies to GateHouse Media Inc. in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife, Marie, George Ewing, Sr. is survived by his son, George, Jr.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of George Ewing, Sr., 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 George Ewing, Sr.