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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Alton Bailey Doyle, 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, Alton "Al" Bailey Doyle of Guilford, New York, died on Saturday, August 29, 2009, at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, Born in Syracuse, New York, on February 19, 1925, to Frank Cooley and Josephine (Bailey) Doyle, Alton Bailey Doyle was a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Springfield College, Massachusetts, and served in the United States Navy on the USS Chepachet AO78 during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Alton Bailey Doyle distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, He was a coach of numerous sports and athletic director at Oxford Academy and Central School from 1950-1971, appointed Oxford School District Director of Public Health, Physical Education and Recreation in 1957; and

WHEREAS, At Oxford, Alton Bailey Doyle was the Head Coach of the Varsity Football Team for 16 years, the Basketball Team for eight years, Baseball for 20 years, Track and Field for eight years, and Varsity Wrestling for one year, followed by JV Wrestling for three years; and

WHEREAS, Alton Bailey Doyle was instrumental in reinstituting the interscholastic wrestling program at Oxford Academy; he was also the founding force of the Clyde Cole Wrestling Tournament, New York State's second oldest high school wrestling tournament; and

WHEREAS, During his career at Oxford, "Coach" Doyle was at the helm of two League Championship football teams, Susquehanna League Champions in 1953, and Pioneer League Champions in 1963; he was proudly affiliated with the New York State Public High School Athletic Association for many years, first as State Football Coordinator (1967-1971) as field representative (1971-1975), and becoming the association's first Executive Director in 1975, a position from which he retired in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Alton Bailey Doyle was inducted into the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame in its inaugural year, 2003; he was a member of the New York State Wrestling Hall of Fame, the Elmira Sports Hall of Fame, Section 4 Athletic Council Hall of Fame, and was recently notified of his induction into the Springfield College Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career in athletic administration, he served as President of the New York State Federation of Secondary School Athletic Associations (1981-1983), served on the executive committee of the National Federation of State High School Associations (1980-1983), as its President in 1982-1983; was Chairman of the National Federation Competition Committee 1987-2000, and a member of the Empire State Games Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Alton Bailey Doyle's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, He was an Oxford/Delmar Rotarian, a member of Oxford Lodge #175 F&AM, a member of the Oxford Police Department, a sergeant in the Chenango County Sheriff's Department and Captain of the Oxford Emergency Squad; and

WHEREAS, After his retirement as an Athletic Administrator, Alton Bailey Doyle began a new career in public service - first as Guilford

Town Justice, and for many years, until his death, as Guilford Town Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, An active member of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors,

in 2009, Alton Bailey Doyle was honored with the Chenango County Liberty Bell Award for his life-long service to his community; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Nancy Jane Kinne Doyle, Alton Bailey Doyle is survived by his two daughters, Barbara Jo Hennessey and Katharine Ann Miller; his two sons-in-law, David G. Hennessey and Charles H Miller; four grandchildren, Corey Stephen Wessels, Jennifer Virginia Sacci, Ryan Joseph Miller, and Joseph Alton Miller; and three great-granddaughters, Brianna Taylor Bujak, Mallory Katharine Paschall, and soon-to-be Ella Grace Wessels; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Alton Bailey Doyle 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 Alton Bailey Doyle, 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 Alton Bailey Doyle.