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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of L. William Eagan, 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, L. William "Bill" Eagan of Cazenovia, New York, died on Sunday, May 16, 2010, at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, Bill Eagan was born on May 6, 1918, to Leo T. Eagan and Eleanor Demong Eagan; he graduated from Georgetown University in 1941 and was honorably discharged from the United States Army after serving in the South Pacific during World War II; as the son of one of the founders of Eagan Real Estate, his vision created the shopping center arm of the business, with Shoppingtown being the first shopping center in the state and the second in the country; and

WHEREAS, Bill Eagan's vision also created Fairmount Fair, which was the first enclosed shopping mall in the United States, Penn Can Mall, Marine Towers and the Agway building in DeWitt among others; he was one of the founding members of the International Council of Shopping Centers; and

WHEREAS, As an avid hunter and conservationist, one of Bill Eagan's most proud accomplishments was to be a founding member and past president of the Wildfowler's Association and the Central New York Grouse Society; his passion for golf was evident in his lifelong membership in the Onondaga Golf and Country Club, the Cavaliers, Three Score and Ten, and the New York State Seniors; and

WHEREAS, Bill Eagan was also the past captain and international team leader for the American Senior Golf Association, served as president of

the Eastern Seniors Golf Association and was on the board of the American Seniors; he was a member of the Gyro Club, the Rotary Club and the Cazenovia Club; and

WHEREAS, Bill Eagan distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

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

WHEREAS, Bill Eagan is survived by his bride and dancing partner of almost 60 years, Doris, his children, Kathy, Tim, Edward, and Annie, his sister, Eleanor, as well as numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Bill Eagan 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 L. William Eagan, 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 L. William Eagan.