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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Justice James Dwyer upon the occasion of his retirement after 27 years of distinguished service to the Town of Marcellus

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those illustrious individuals of distinguished purpose whose lives have been committed to the pursuit of excellence in their service to the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor Justice James Dwyer upon the occasion of his retirement after 27 years of distinguished service to the Town of Marcellus; and

WHEREAS, Justice James Dwyer graduated from Onondaga Valley Academy in 1948, St. Bonaventure University in 1953, U.S. Naval Officer Candidate School in 1954, and Syracuse University College of Law in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Justice James Dwyer served three years of active duty followed by 19 years reserve duty as a Navy Officer; and

WHEREAS, Justice James Dwyer practiced law with the late John P. Kinney and Anthony J. Langan, and later with Richard D. Grossman, which continued until 2004, when he became counsel to Green and Seifter until his retirement in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Justice James Dwyer is married to the former Ellen O'Shea, and together they have two sons and a daughter, who is following in her father's footsteps as a member of the U.S. Navy Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Justice James Dwyer participated in the establishment of the Onondaga County Resource Recovery system and the successful waste-to-energy plant on Rock Cut Road; and

WHEREAS, Justice James Dwyer is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Onondaga County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Justice James Dwyer held the position of president and was selected as Most Distinguished Lawyer by the Onondaga Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Justice James Dwyer has been very active in the New York State Bar Association, serving as a member of the New York Bar Associ-

ation House of Delegates for many years, as well as a member of its Executive Committee, preceding his elected position as Vice President of the Fifth Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, Justice James Dwyer was elected as Town of Marcellus Justice; he was also elected as president of the Onondaga County Magistrates Association; and

WHEREAS, A resident of the Village of Marcellus for 48 years, Justice James Dwyer has been an attorney in the Village for 43 consecutive years, specializing in legislative and administrative law, as well as zoning and planning issues; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Justice James Dwyer upon the occasion of his retirement after 27 years of distinguished service to the Town of Marcellus; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be delivered to Justice James Dwyer.