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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Cornelius "Connie" Milliken, 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, Cornelius "Connie" Milliken, of Elmira, New York, died on Monday, April 9, 2012; he was in his early 80's; and

WHEREAS, A long-time public official, Cornelius "Connie" Milliken was the Chairman of the Chemung County Legislature at the time of his death; first elected in 1973, he rendered distinguished service as a member of the Chemung County Legislature for nearly 40 years; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the Elmira Catholic schools, Cornelius "Connie" Milliken graduated from the College of the Holy Cross; he was a veteran of the United States Army of Occupation in Japan during the post World War II era; and

WHEREAS, Cornelius "Connie" Milliken had a successful career as vice president of Thatcher Glass, and was also the Director of External Affairs at Corning Community College; and

WHEREAS, Cornelius "Connie" Milliken was a Director, Southern Tier Economic Growth, and Chairman of the Chemung County Industrial Development Agency; he also served on Arts of the Southern Finger Lakes, Elmira College Council, and was past Chair and Director Emeritus of Elmira Savings Bank; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Cornelius "Connie" Milliken was past President of the Chemung County Historical Society, and past President, Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning, United Way, and the Corning Community College Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, A charter member of the local chapters of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Italian American Veterans, Cornelius "Connie" Milliken deserved enormous credit for transforming the Clemens Center from an Elmira performing arts center to an outstanding regional attraction; he was a member of its Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Cornelius "Connie" Milliken is survived by his wife Jean Macdonell Milliken, daughters Mary Coleman (Victor, New York), Clare Milliken (Elmira, New York), Ann Milliken (Saratoga Springs, New York), Eileen (Brian) Beiter (Fairport, New York), Jean Milliken (David) Sabol (Chagrin Falls, Ohio), sons Dr. Cornelius (Kathryn) Milliken (Elmira, New York), John (Deborah) Milliken (Irvine, California) and Thomas (Ellen) Milliken (Elmira, New York); and

WHEREAS, Also survived by 19 grandchildren and 10 siblings, Cornelius "Connie" Milliken was predeceased by three siblings; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Cornelius "Connie" Milliken 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; he will be remembered as someone who made a positive difference in the lives of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Cornelius "Connie" Milliken, 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 Cornelius "Connie" Milliken.