

## 2011-J2918

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of John E. Guinan, 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, John E. "Jack" Guinan of Ovid, New York died on August 16, 2011, at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, John Guinan was born in Willard, New York, on September 16, 1933; he was the youngest son of Stephen and Rose (Brennan) Guinan; and

WHEREAS, A 1952 graduate of Ovid Central School, John Guinan had successful basketball and football careers in high school, winning various All Lakes Region titles; and

WHEREAS, John Guinan entered Ithaca College Business School in 1952, and later at the United States Naval Aviation Flight School in 1954; he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps in 1955 and received his Naval Aviator Wings in 1956; and

WHEREAS, John Guinan earned his undergraduate degree from Ithaca College in 1961 and then continued with his Master's degree; in 1967, he received his Physical Education and Athletic Director's Certification; and

WHEREAS, John Guinan was a four-year starter for the Ithaca College football team; he is recorded in history for kicking the first field goal at Butterfield Stadium; he also played baseball at Ithaca and participated in the All Navy baseball finals; and

WHEREAS, In 1962, John Guinan began his teaching career at Interlaken Central School moving to the South Seneca Central School campus in 1969, where he coached and taught both physical education and health; and

WHEREAS, John Guinan's coaching accomplishments were extensive over his many years at South Seneca, including, but certainly not limited to: six Section V Boys Basketball Championships with an overall record of 307 wins and 73 losses; a Section V Girls Basketball record of 113 wins and 58 losses; three Section V Girls Softball Championships with an overall record of 153 wins and 17 losses; and four Lakes Region Golf Championships where he attained 32 wins and 5 losses; and

WHEREAS, John Guinan's many coaching awards include: four-time Class Coach of the Year in basketball; six-time League Coach of the Year in basketball; four-time League Coach of the Year in softball, and a NYSPHAA Coach of the Year in basketball; in addition, he officiated baseball at the NCAA Regionals, Empire State Games, and for five times at the New York State Baseball Finals; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, the gymnasium at South Seneca Central School was dedicated in John Guinan's honor and he was inducted into the Section V Hall of Fame in 2006; following a brief one year retirement, he returned to South Seneca as the athletic director, health teacher and driver's education teacher, positions he held until the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, John Guinan had been a 45 year member and past president of the Ovid-Willard Lions Club; his love of community and his country were evident in his daily life and practices and his devotion and dedication revolved around far more than his endeavors at South Seneca, which is known by his loving family; and

WHEREAS, John Guinan is survived by wife of 51 years, Patricia; his daughters, Paula, Karen, and Anne; his two grandchildren, Paul and Abby; his brother and sister-in-law, Walter and Jane; and the Murphy, Archambault, Joslin and Guinan families; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, John Guinan 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 John E. Guinan, 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 John E. Guinan.