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Senate Resolution No. 1329

BY: Senator KENNEDY

MOURNING the death of Kevin S. Doyle, prominent attorney, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, There are certain outstanding members of our community who, through their selfless commitment and dedication, have served to better the quality of life in our community and have had a measurable positive impact on the lives of its residents; Kevin S. Doyle was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Kevin S. Doyle, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Kevin S. Doyle of Buffalo, New York, passed away on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at the age of 66; and

WHEREAS, Kevin S. Doyle was born on July 23, 1955, to Joan (Whitehead) and Vincent E. Doyle Jr. in Buffalo where he attended St. Mark's School and Nichols School; during this time, he became interested in creative writing and served as the editor of the school's literary magazine; and

WHEREAS, After graduating in 1973, Kevin S. Doyle enrolled in the University of Iowa and continued to foster his love of writing with the

prestigious Iowa Writers Workshop; upon his return to Western New York, he earned his bachelor's degree in Applied Linguistics at the University of Buffalo; for his senior project, he taught himself how to speak and write the difficult language of the country of Wales, where his mother was born; and

WHEREAS, Following in the footsteps of his father, who was a successful attorney and well-respected judge, Kevin S. Doyle moved to Washington, D.C. and worked for the House Select Committee on the Assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.; later, he served on the House Ways and Means Committee; and

WHEREAS, After several years in the nation's capital, Kevin S. Doyle return to his beloved hometown and graduated from the University of Buffalo Law School where he served as co-President of the Hibernian Law Society; he began his distinguished law career with the private law firm Damon & Morey before serving as an Assistant Corporation Counsel with the City of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Kevin S. Doyle discovered his true calling when he joined the Mental Hygiene Legal Service, a state agency that advocates and litigates on behalf of people who receive services for mental or developmental disabilities; throughout his tenure, he met with clients in various mental health facilities and appeared on their behalf in court, truly making a difference in the lives of those who needed his expertise most; in addition to this role, he gave presentations to professional groups on effective legal writing, before retiring in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Kevin S. Doyle was a man of many interests and passions; he was an avid fisherman, an amateur genealogist, a music and film buff, a

lifelong fan of the Buffalo Bills and Buffalo Sabres, and a longtime coach for youth baseball, softball, and basketball leagues in Shoshone Park; above all, he enjoyed spending time with his beloved family; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his father, Kevin S. Doyle is survived by his wife of 15 years, the former Mary Etta Scaglione; two daughters, Emily and Anna; two sons, Eamon and Owen; his mother, Joan Whitehead Doyle; one sister, Megan Battaglia; and two brothers, Brian and Vincent III, as well as numerous friends, colleagues and clients who will long cherish his memory; and

WHEREAS, A devoted husband, father, and advocate for those with disabilities, Kevin S. Doyle's name is synonymous with character, dignity, intellect, depth, and humor, qualities evident to his family and to all those who were fortunate enough to have known him; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Kevin S. Doyle, prominent attorney, 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 Kevin S. Doyle.