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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Theodore E. Mulford, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to the 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, Theodore E. Mulford, of Binghamton, New York, died on August 12, 2010, at the age 90, after living a rich and noble life; and

WHEREAS, Theodore E. Mulford graduated Magna Cum Laude from Colgate University where he was also a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity and elected to Phi Beta Kappa; and

WHEREAS, The majority of Theodore E. Mulford's business career was spent at Link Aviation and its successor companies, from which he retired with the esteemed title of Vice President after 30 years of loyal service; and

WHEREAS, Theodore E. Mulford was a former commissioner with the New York State Cable Television Commission and was Chairman of the SUNY's Statewide Advisory Board for Economic Development from its founding in 1983 until 1997; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he was a member and former Chairman of the Broome County Industrial Development Agency and served as Chairman of the Southern Tier High Technology Council; in this capacity he was a founder in the establishment of Binghamton University's Watson School of Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Theodore E. Mulford served as a Director of the New York State United Way for many years, as well as the Board of Directors of both Broome County then New York State United Way; and

WHEREAS, He chaired both the Higher Education sub committee of the

Business Council of New York State and The State University of New York's Statewide Advisory Board for Business and Industry; furthermore, he served as a member of the Board of Directors of Lourdes Hospital for over 20 years, was past Chairman of the Board of the Sheltered Workshop and R.S.I. and was a founding member and past Chairman of Twin Tier Home Health Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Theodore E. Mulford was a member and former Chairman of the Harpur Forum, a past Director of Broome Community College Foundation and served many years on the Board of Directors of the Roberson Center for the Arts and Science Center; and

WHEREAS, In his years of service to the Greater Binghamton community and State of New York, he was honored many times; he was given the Distinguished Service Award as Young Man of the Year by the Junior Chamber of Commerce; was named Outstanding Citizen by the Broome County Urban League; was elected to the Post 80 American Legion Hall of Fame; and in 1989, the State University of New York Board of Trustees honored him with a Distinguished Citizen Award; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Theodore E. Mulford was the recipient of the Binghamton University Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award in both 1993 and 1998, and the Binghamton High School Distinguished Graduate Award in 2005; and

WHEREAS, A congregant of the First Presbyterian Church of Binghamton, Theodore E. Mulford was also a member of the St. Marks F & AM since 1947 and, in May of 2010, he received an honor of service for 65 years as a Master Mason; and

WHEREAS, As a prominent figure in the growth and development of the City of Binghamton and the larger community, Mr. Mulford assisted the agencies, schools and businesses that have become the fabric of the

community; his active role and willingness to serve and lead has been appreciated as an example of excellence and humanitarian endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his father, Ford E. Mulford and mother, Edith

Parker Mulford, Theodore E. Mulford is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Ruth T. Mulford; and his wonderful son and daughter-in-law, Barth and Rebecca Mulford; and

WHEREAS. Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Theodore E. Mulford 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 Theodore E: Mulford, 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 Theodore E. Mulford.