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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Mary Jane H. Doty, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her 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, Mary Jane H. Doty of Owego, New York, died on Saturday, January 5, 2013, at the age of 76; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jane Doty graduated from Corning Free Academy in 1954 and went on to Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pennsylvania, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1958; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jane Doty distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jane Doty had a passion for teaching and taught at Owego Free Academy in Owego, New York, for over 20 years, along with teaching at Tioga Central, Newark Valley, Candor, and Union-Endicott Schools; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Mary Jane Doty was a private tutor; her nurturing ways and compassion were reflected in each of her students; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jane Doty's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jane Doty was very active in St. Patrick's Church in Owego where she was a Eucharistic Minister, and participated in Marriage Encounter, Cursillo, and Life in the Spirit; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jane Doty was always praying and was known for giving to others; she enjoyed spending time with her family, shopping, and reading; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by her parents, Thomas and Suzanna Hagedish, Mary Jane Doty is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Thomas F. Doty; children, Steve (Laurie) Doty, Susan (Steven) Murphy, and Thomas D. (Kristine) Doty; and five grandchildren, Meghan R. and Jillian R. Doty, Matthew and Kaitlyn Murphy, and Evan Thomas Doty; as well as one brother, Thomas (Donna) Hagedish; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Mary Jane Doty leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Mary Jane H. Doty, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community, and to express its deepest condolences to her family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Mary Jane H. Doty.