

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Richard E. Baldwin, coaching legend, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to publicly mourn the passing of prominent citizens of the State of New York whose purposeful careers and worthy endeavors have contributed to the quality and character of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Coach Richard E. Baldwin of Binghamton, New York, a legendary college basketball coach, died in December of 2011, at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, Richard E. "Dick" Baldwin coached basketball teams for 40 seasons at Broome Community College, and for five seasons at SUNY-Binghamton; and

WHEREAS, Coach Baldwin had a winning percentage of 74%, having won 961 of the 1,302 consecutive games he coached; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently, in 1987, Richard E. Baldwin passed former University of Kentucky Coach Adolph Rupp as the all-time winningest college coach; and

WHEREAS, From the early 1960s until the mid-1970s, obtaining a ticket to see the Broome Tech Basketball Team, led by Coach Baldwin, was extremely difficult and attendance at the games was almost always at full capacity; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious coaching career, Richard E. Baldwin had a distinct way of using motivational tools to encourage and inspire his players, both individually and as a team; and

WHEREAS, A forward thinker, Coach Richard E. Baldwin would strategically obtain footage of games played by many of Broome Tech's opponents; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Coach Richard E. Baldwin 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 Richard E. Baldwin, noting the significance of his contributions on behalf of the citizens of this noble Empire State and expressing its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Richard E. Baldwin.