

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 111

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

HONORING AND COMMENDING M. ALLYN DINGEL FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, TO THE IDAHO COURTS AND FOR HIS CHARITABLE AND PHILANTHROPIC ENDEAVORS.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, M. Allyn Dingel graduated from the University of Idaho in 1958 going on to receive his L.L.B. from New York University's School of Law in 1961, where he was a John Norton Pomeroy Scholar and associate editor of the NYU Law Review; and

WHEREAS, M. Allyn Dingel's outstanding and exemplary professional law career includes being a founding member of the Idaho Law Foundation, lawyer representative and chairman of the Ninth Circuit Conference of the United States Courts from Idaho, Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, Chairman of the Idaho Code Commission, Idaho State Delegate to the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association and the Idaho State Bar Association Distinguished Lawyer of the Year award in 2004; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1960's, Allyn first initiated his Idaho legislative and executive branch alliances by serving three years with the Idaho Attorney General as counsel for the Department of Insurance and the Department of Finance and was the chief criminal deputy at the ripe old age of twenty-seven. In 1964, he helped litigate the case of Hearne v. Smylie before the United States Supreme Court where the landmark cases on legislative apportionment Baker v. Carr and Reynolds v. Sims were cited in the Court's opinion; and

WHEREAS, following his stint in the Attorney General's Office, Allyn joined the Elam and Burke law firm where he has had a distinguished career spanning more than forty years; and

WHEREAS, M. Allyn Dingel has been recognized by the Idaho judiciary for the outstanding contributions in advancing, promoting and improving the administration of justice in the state of Idaho, including his unwavering support of the judiciary's legislative priorities and innovations to ensure Idaho courts continue as one of the top court systems in the nation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his distinguished career, M. Allyn "d-d-d-Dingel" has provided invaluable assistance, advice and counsel to Idaho legislators, legislative committees, and the leadership of the Idaho Senate and House of Representatives--sometimes solicited, sometimes not, for nearly forty years; and

WHEREAS, in his spare time, Allyn has been active in the community, serving on the board of directors of St. Stephen's and St. Michael's Episcopal churches, serving as Chancellor for the Episcopal Diocese of Idaho and serving on the board of directors of the Boise Philharmonic. Allyn has always taken an interest in his children and their respective endeavors, even as coach of his son's softball team, leading them to a come-from-ahead defeat, blowing a twelve-run lead in the bottom of the last inning with eleven runs being scored with two outs--while Allyn was frantically planning defenses and pitching changes; and

1 WHEREAS, his good humor, his prodigious memory of persons, times and events, and
2 his unfailing courtesy, honesty and integrity have served as a model for us all.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of
4 the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein,
5 that we recognize and honor the life and achievements of M. Allyn Dingel and we extend to
6 him the appreciation and gratitude of this Legislature for his service to the state of Idaho, and,
7 in particular, his service to the legislative branch of our state government.