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Senate Resolution No. 1340

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Regina Jacobs Recco upon the occasion of being inducted into the Rome Sports Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding athletes who have distinguished themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Regina Jacobs Recco upon the occasion of being inducted into the Rome Sports Hall of Fame, to be celebrated at a Ceremony on Sunday, July 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Every year, the Rome Sports Hall of Fame publicly commends the pursuit of athletic excellence, recognizes those who have excelled, and strives to preserve Rome's rich athletic heritage; Regina Jacobs Recco is truly deserving of this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, Regina Jacobs started swimming at the young age of six when her father was stationed at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida, and continued to do so when he was transferred to McDonnell Air Force Base in Kansas, followed by Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome for her seventh-grade year in junior high school; and

WHEREAS, A highly skilled and record-setting competitor, Regina Jacobs swam in the 100 butterfly, 200 fly, 200 free and 500 free events for the Black Knights for four years and for the Leatherstocking Swim Club; to this day, she holds some Rome Free Academy pool records; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her high school career, Regina Jacobs earned the Black R Award and won her event every year at the state level while being voted Section Three's outstanding swimmer twice; respected by all, she was nicknamed Madame Butterfly; and

WHEREAS, Regina Jacobs attended Bowling Green State University on a scholarship and quickly became an integral part of the program; in her college career, she lettered all four years and was part of her last season's team that set and tied again the record for the most dual meet victories in a season with 10, and was a member of the first senior class to beat arch-rival Miami of Ohio twice during a four-year period; and

WHEREAS, Today, Regina Jacobs Recco lives in Jacksonville Beach, Florida, where she works as a program manager for Huntington Ingalls Industries and has recently taken up open water swimming; and

WHEREAS, Regina Jacobs Recco has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of her Rome community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such outstanding athletic accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Regina Jacobs Recco upon the occasion of being inducted into the Rome Sports Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Regina Jacobs Recco.