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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Clark J. Hackett posthumously upon the occasion of his induction into the Saugerties Sports Hall of Fame

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor Clark J. Hackett posthumously upon the occasion of his induction into the Saugerties Sports Hall of Fame, to be celebrated at the Saugerties Sports Hall of Fame Banquet on May 14, 2011, at the Glasco Firehouse in Glasco, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born on December 4, 1955, at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland, Clark Hackett was the oldest of three sons and two daughters born to Jen and Vincent Hackett; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, after his family moved to Saugerties, Clark Hackett began to play on the Saugerties Little League as a catcher for the Phillies; and

WHEREAS, Clark Hackett moved on to the Saugerties Babe Ruth League, playing three years for the Masons; in 1970, the winning Masons captured the Saugerties Babe Ruth League title; and

WHEREAS, Clark Hackett evolved into a stellar performer on the basketball court as well; he began with the St. Mary's CYO basketball teams run by his father, Vince Hackett; and

WHEREAS, Clark Hackett became a member of the Saugerties High JV basketball squad in his freshman and sophomore years, then as a member with the varsity squad as both a junior and senior; and

WHEREAS, In Clark Hackett's sophomore season of 1971-1972, the SHS

basketball squads had an exceptional year as his JV team finished with a 9-9 record; as a varsity team member in 1972-1973, he played with intensity and selflessness; these attributes, which he carried with him throughout all his athletic endeavors, were at the root of the team's success; and

WHEREAS, Even as an adult, Clark Hackett became a household name on the Donlon hardwood, playing for many years in the SAA Premier full court league for Keeley's Corner and in the SAA Half-Court League for the Saugerties Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, After graduating high school in 1974, Clark Hackett attended SUNY Brockport, earning his bachelor's degree in Physical Education in 1979; several years later, he began working at IBM, initially in Kingston and later Poughkeepsie, where he had a long career starting in computer operations and then moving into computer programming; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, Clark Hackett and his wife Alice (Schell) were married and shortly after became the proud parents of daughter Alissa; and

WHEREAS, After establishing his career and family, Clark Hackett's athletic adventures led him to the fields of adult softball leagues as a pitcher, outfielder, and an excellent hitter; and

WHEREAS, Clark Hackett played for many successful and highly competitive teams; he initially started with Lezette Express and later with Weber Construction where he had many notable highlights, including some memorable home runs; he also pitched for the First National Bank of Rhinebeck team in the A division; and

WHEREAS, The majority of Clark Hackett's SAA softball career was spent with the Greco Brothers Amusements team; playing in the upper divisions of the SAA's A or B divisions, his teams were consistently in contention

for league playoffs and championships, against much heralded rival opponents; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Clark Hackett led Greco Brothers Amusements team to

the A-division title, tossing a 4-hitter and a 5-hitter back-to-back, after many years of finishing as a runner-up; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the SAA, Clark Hackett also played on teams in the Red Hook Northern Dutchess Softball League, initially with Greco Brothers and later with other Dutchess County teams; and

WHEREAS, While at IBM, Clark Hackett played in both the IBM recreational basketball and softball leagues; at the same time, he participated in the Kingston "Over 30" basketball leagues; his involvement with IBM and "Over 30" leagues resulted in numerous championships over the years; and

WHEREAS, After his own softball career had wound down, Clark Hackett remained involved with the game as a coach in the Town Of Ulster Little League Girls Softball League coaching his daughter, Alissa's, team from 2002-2005; and

WHEREAS, Clark Hackett was just as avid and passionate in the great outdoors, as a hunter and fisherman; as a long-time NRA and Vly Sportsmen Club member, he was one of the best hunter/fishermen in the area, with an uncanny ability to find the best streams and hunting spots and then putting them to use; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals who were of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to pay tribute to Clark J. Hackett, remembering his extraordinary accomplishments in the athletic arena which were a direct result of his skill, dedication and commitment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Clark H. Hackett posthumously upon the occasion of his induction into the Saugerties Sports Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Clark J. Hackett.