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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Roland Gray upon his selection as an inductee into the Inaugural SUNY Sullivan Generals Athletics Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Roland Gray upon his selection as an inductee into the Inaugural SUNY Sullivan Generals Athletics Hall of Fame to be celebrated at a reception with President, Dr. Karin Hilgersom, on Friday, March 14, 2014, in the Harold L. Gold Founders Hall Lobby of SUNY Sullivan in Loch Sheldrake, New York; and

WHEREAS, During this year's NJCAA DIII Men's Basketball National Championship Tournament, SUNY Sullivan will be opening the SUNY Sullivan Generals Athletic Hall of Fame; with its 50th Anniversary as a fitting platform, the college will induct its first class representing athletes and boosters from the college's five decades; the Hall of Fame will be housed in the College's Paul Gerry Fieldhouse; and

WHEREAS, Roland "Rollie" Gray was the first Director of Athletics in the history of SUNY Sullivan County Community College, serving from 1964-1977; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man created the College's first intercollegiate Men's Basketball and Baseball programs and served as Head Coach for both

sports; and

WHEREAS, Roland Gray's unique vision set the standard for SUNY Sullivan Generals Athletics that is still followed today; and

WHEREAS, Under Roland Gray's administration, the College's Fieldhouse, one of the largest athletic venues in the tri-county area, was opened in 1974; and

WHEREAS, SUNY Sullivan's strong athletic program is a point of pride at the college and reflects its commitment to sportsmanship, academics, and the positive growth of student athletes in its community; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Roland Gray has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Roland Gray upon his selection as an inductee into the Inaugural SUNY Sullivan Generals Athletics Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Roland Gray.