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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Dr. John F. Walter upon his selection as an inductee into the Inaugural SUNY Sullivan Generals Athletics Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; 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 Dr. John F. Walter upon his selection as an inductee into the Inaugural SUNY Sullivan Generals Athletics Hall of Fame to be celebrated at a reception with President 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 Athletics 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, Dr. John F. Walter held the illustrious position of College President of SUNY Sullivan County Community College for 10 years, and he has been an avid supporter of Sullivan Athletics; and

WHEREAS, An integral part of the advancement of the Athletic Program

to national prominence, Dr. John F. Walter was the sitting president during the school's first Men's Basketball National Championship in 1992; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man's unique vision of using athletics as a vehicle to deliver his college's mission to the local community has been a resounding success; 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 Dr. John F. Walter has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of this school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Dr. John F. Walter 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 Dr. John F. Walter.