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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Tom Fuller, Sr. upon the occasion of his induction into the 2013 Athletic Hall of Fame by the SS Seward Institute

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those individuals whose exceptional athletic prowess leaves an enduring legacy in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Tom Fuller, Sr. upon the occasion of his induction into the 2013 Athletic Hall of Fame by the SS Seward Institute, which was celebrated at a ceremony held at its Alumni and Veterans Fields during its Homecoming on October 19, 2013, in Florida, New York; and

WHEREAS, An important figure in the history of the SS Seward Institute Athletics Program, Tom Fuller, Sr., Class of 1966, played four years of varsity soccer, two years of varsity basketball, and four years of varsity baseball; and

WHEREAS, As a key member of the varsity soccer team, Tom Fuller, Sr.'s two out of four seasons ended with the Seward Spartans capturing the Orange County League Championship; in both 1964 and 1965, he was selected to the OCIAA first-team All-Stars which led to his selection as SSSI All-Sport Athlete for 1965-1966; and

WHEREAS, One of his most well-known baseball memories was a three-home game against Goshen High School; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious basketball career, Tom Fuller, Sr. scored a full-court shot at the buzzer, approximately 55 feet; this remarkable record will definitely be hard to break at the SS Seward gym; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation, Tom Fuller, Sr. attended OCCC where he

played varsity soccer; he later attended Harriman College; and

WHEREAS, Tom Fuller, Sr.'s exceptional athletic accomplishments include perfect 300 games in bowling, which led to 13 years of coaching youth bowling; he also coached modified soccer and baseball for two years at SS Seward; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Tom Fuller, Sr. served his country for three years as a member of the United States Army which included three tours of duty in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Tom Fuller, Sr. is a member of the American Legion Post 1250, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; he is a long-time member of the Florida Fire Department, and currently serves on the village board, elected in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Athletes such as Tom Fuller, Sr. provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of student-athletes in their athletic journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, Tom Fuller, Sr. has clearly been an inspiration to the youth of the SS Seward Institute, as well as to the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of public education by providing their skills and talents to our students and our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Tom Fuller, Sr. upon the occasion of his induction into the 2013 Athletic Hall of Fame by the SS Seward Institute; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tom Fuller, Sr.