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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Dan Kowalczyk 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 Dan Kowalczyk 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, Dan Kowalczyk, Class of 1985, had a four-year career in basketball, soccer, and baseball; and

WHEREAS, As a senior, Dan Kowalczyk was a leading scorer in soccer, playing a key role as the SS Seward Spartans captured the Section 9 Class D Championship; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious high school basketball career, the SS Seward Spartans dropped out of the OCIAA and competed in the Western Sullivan League; his exceptional athletic ability led him to make the All-Star team; and

WHEREAS, Due to his outstanding accomplishments both on the field and off, Dan Kowalczyk was designated as a Scholar/Athlete by the Times Herald Record; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Dan Kowalczyk played varsity baseball for four years, primarily as a hard throwing pitcher; today, he still fires his fast ball at the Annual Alumni baseball games; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation, Dan Kowalczyk attended SUNY Oneonta, earning a bachelor's degree in business economics and accounting; throughout his college years and post-college, he played in numerous basketball and softball leagues; and

WHEREAS, Today, Dan Kowalczyk works for the SONY Corporation of America as a Senior Manager of Finance and Accounting for the IT Services Division; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, and their two daughters, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Athletes such as Dan Kowalczyk 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, Dan Kowalczyk 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 Dan Kowalczyk 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 Dan Kowalczyk.