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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating John C. Harter 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 John C. Harter 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, John C. Harter, Class of 1950, had a four-year career in varsity soccer and baseball, and two years of varsity basketball; and

WHEREAS, John C. Harter, more affectionately known as Jake, was recognized for his superb athletic performance; as a sophomore, he was a forward on the 1947 Division-winning soccer team, the first soccer title in Seward history; and

WHEREAS, Following a high-scoring sophomore year as a member of the junior varsity basketball team, John C. Harter's two years of varsity scored him and his team a tie with Cornwall High School for the Division Title during his senior year; and

WHEREAS, It was in baseball John C. Harter's prowess was most evident; his defense was rock solid at second base, which was matched by his stellar performance on offense; a spray hitter, his batting average and on-base-percentage were consistently among the league leaders; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation, John C. Harter took over his family's onion

farm, as well as many other household duties, and continued to excel with the American Legion baseball team; a leading hitter, he played on numerous championship teams, alongside some former school teammates; and WHEREAS, John C. Harter went on to take a position with the United States Postal Service as a Mail Carrier, and then succeeded as Postmaster; his administrative experience led to his election as Mayor of the Village of Florida, a post he held for 25 years; and

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

WHEREAS, Athletes such as John C. Harter 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, John C. Harter 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 John C. Harter 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 John C. Harter.