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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Francis J. Verdoliva upon the occasion of his induction into the New York State Outdoorsmen 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Francis J. "Fran" Verdoliva upon the occasion of his induction into the New York State Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1983, the New York State Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame was formed to seek out and honor those individuals who not only have exhibited genuine excellence in hunting, fishing, trapping, and related outdoor sports, but have demonstrated sincere and continuing dedication to natural resources conservation; and

WHEREAS, Inductees into this prestigious institution are honored not for what they have taken, but for what they have given; and

WHEREAS, Fran Verdoliva has long championed ethical fishing standards and increased opportunities for salmon and steelhead fishing for several decades; and

WHEREAS, He has helped lead efforts to end snagging salmon on the Lake Ontario tributaries and helped pioneer and spread the idea that Pacific salmon could be caught by traditional methods; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man has made many appearances on behalf of the Salmon River fishery and the Salmon River Days with its open house at the hatchery and related conservation demonstrations to help create awareness and respect for the fishery and its resources; and

WHEREAS, Fran Verdoliva's educational programs have influenced tens of

thousands of anglers proper angling techniques and respect for fish and fisheries; and

WHEREAS, Fran Verdoliva served as DEC's special coordinator of the Salmon River Corridor, making important decisions concerning fishing along the corridor; and

WHEREAS, Fran Verdoliva's hard work and advocacy for ethical fishing practices and his dedication to natural resources conservation is to be commended; and

WHEREAS, Fran J. Verdoliva has dedicated a lifetime of giving back to the pursuits of outdoor sports and wildlife conservation; he exemplifies the spirit of the New York State Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Francis J. Verdoliva upon the occasion of his induction into the New York State Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Francis J. Verdoliva.