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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Bob Southworth upon the occasion of his induction into the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those notable teachers, coaches and officials within our midst, who serve the youth of this great Empire State, and who have distinguished themselves and their communities through their exemplary athletic achievements and their outstanding professional commitments; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Bob Southworth, who is in his 49th season as the head baseball coach at Corcoran High School, upon his induction into the 2014 Hall of Fame Class of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA); and

WHEREAS, Bob Southworth will be inducted into the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame during a celebration on July 30, 2014, at High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Public High School Athletic Association Inc. (NYSPHSAA) is a non-profit, educational service organization composed of public, parochial and private schools - dedicated to providing equitable and safe competition for New York's student athletes; and

WHEREAS, The NYSPHSAA serves as a central organization through which its member high schools in the state may cooperate to promote sportsman-like conduct in all athletic contests, conduct appropriate athletic meets and tournaments, cooperate with the State Education Department in fostering educationally sound athletic programs, adapt rules for governing sports contests, and continually seek data to support rule changes leading to greater safety for high school athletes; and

WHEREAS, NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame inductees can be nominated by family, friends or community members and are selected through a two-level screening and selection committee process; nominations were endorsed by each inductee's member Section of the Association; and

WHEREAS, Being inducted into the 2014 Hall of Fame Class of the NYSPHSAA, permanently recognizes Bob Southworth for his long-time commitment and dedication to the students of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Bob Southworth, a graduate of Valley Central High School and Syracuse University, has been the head baseball coach at Corcoran High School in Syracuse for nearly 50 years, a remarkable accomplishment; his baseball team is now called Syracuse West because it includes players from Fowler High School and the Institute of Technology at Syracuse Central; and

WHEREAS, Over his impressive coaching tenure, Bob Southworth has compiled a 694-321 career record, a second all-time record in New York State, and he has won 10 high school baseball league championships, as well as three Section III Championships; and

WHEREAS, Bob Southworth also has served as Section III Chairman and provided his expertise to numerous local baseball organizations, including Onondaga Babe Ruth, where he served as President, and Valley Babe Ruth, where he served as Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, For his positive impact on his student athletes, Bob Southworth was inducted into the Greater Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame in 1997 and the Corcoran High School Hall of Fame in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Bob Southworth has dedicated a lifetime of giving back to his community and improving the quality of youth athletics; it is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such accomplishments

are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Bob Southworth upon the occasion of his induction into the 2014

Hall of Fame Class of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bob Southworth.