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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Matthew Dembinsky upon the occasion of his induction into the Mount Saint Mary College Athletics Hall of Fame on April 5, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding athletes who have distinguished themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Matthew Dembinsky upon the occasion of his induction into the Mount Saint Mary College Athletics Hall of Fame; this auspicious occasion was celebrated on Saturday, April 5, 2014, at the Elaine and William Kaplan Recreation Center, Mount Saint Mary College, in Newburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, A valued member of the Mount Saint Mary College community, Matthew Dembinsky has made some of the greatest contributions to the Mount's baseball program in school history; and

WHEREAS, During his baseball playing career, Matthew Dembinsky was a three-time New York All-Region Team member, a four-time All-Skyline Team member, and a four-time All-Knickerbocker Conference Team member; and

WHEREAS, He was one of four players to be named All-Conference for both pitching and hitting, and was the Skyline Conference Pitcher of the Year in 1996 and 1997; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Dembinsky was the starting pitcher for two conference championship teams, including the 1994 Knickerbocker Conference Championship Game at Shea Stadium where, as a freshman, he threw a five-hit shutout to beat John Jay College, 1-0; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Dembinsky still holds the Mount Saint Mary College baseball record with 32 wins in a season; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, this esteemed man assumed the duties of head coach

for the Mount Saint Mary College baseball team, making him the fifth youngest head coach in the country at 27 years old; and

WHEREAS, During his eight seasons as head coach, Matthew Dembinsky won a Skyline and Knickerbocker Conference Championship, coached a nationally ranked team, and made an NCAA Division III Tournament appearance; in 2003, he was named Skyline Conference Coach of the Year and NCAA Division III New York Region Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Dembinsky molded and guided a number of standout athletes, including a Division III All-American, 13 ABCA New York All-Region selections, three conference Players of the Year, one conference Pitcher of the Year, one conference Rookie of the Year, 16 First-Team All-Conference selections, 20 Second-Team All-Conference selections, and six ECAC Metro Region All-Star selections; this exceptional coach and mentor has helped countless players achieve success both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Dembinsky currently serves as the Student-Athlete Recruiter for Mount Saint Mary College admissions and also lends his assistance at various athletic events at the Mount; and

WHEREAS, He is the proud father of twin daughters, Alexandra and Samantha, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Matthew Dembinsky upon the occasion of his induction into the Mount Saint Mary College Athletics Hall of Fame on April 5, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew Dembinsky.