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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Louis Arrotta upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by Mount Saint Mary College and his induction into the Mount Saint Mary College Athletics Hall of Fame on April 5, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize individuals from the sporting world who have distinguished themselves through exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Louis Arrotta upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by Mount Saint Mary College and 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, Louis Arrotta, or Coach Lou, as many know him, coached baseball at nearly every level, including semi-professional, Little League, American Legion and collegiate; and

WHEREAS, Louis Arrotta graduated from Newburgh Free Academy in 1954, and played semi-professional baseball for the Newburgh Shapiro Jewels before serving with the United States Army's 11th Airborne Division stationed in Germany; and

WHEREAS, After completing his military service, this esteemed man began coaching for the Newburgh Jr. American Legion baseball program; he would spend 28 out of his 43 year coaching career with American Legion baseball; in 1963, he co-managed his American Legion team to a state championship; and

WHEREAS, In the 1970s, Louis Arrotta was a player, as well as coach for the Kingston Yankees, a semi-professional team that competed in the Tri-State League; and

WHEREAS, Louis Arrotta worked for IBM for many years and was also a former associate baseball scout for the Chicago White Sox; and

WHEREAS, After retiring from IBM in 1990, Louis Arrotta continued his coaching career at Mount Saint Mary College where he spent 12 years with the Mount Saint Mary College Knights baseball team, including two seasons as head coach; and

WHEREAS, During his time as head coach, Louis Arrotta led his teams to a 46-29-1 overall record; in 2000, he was named the Skyline Coach of the Year after leading the Knights to the Skyline title; he continues as Coach Emeritus at Mount Saint Mary College; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his coaching career, a period of constructive involvement, Louis Arrotta has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; he has helped countless players achieve success both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which this remarkable man has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Louis Arrotta upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by Mount Saint Mary College, and 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 Louis Arrotta.