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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ed Rimkus posthumously upon the occasion of his induction into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ed Rimkus posthumously upon the occasion of his induction into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame, to be celebrated at the 17th Annual Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner on Monday, September 8, 2014, at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Mont Pleasant High School Class of 1932, Ed Rimkus was a multi-sport athlete at the original Schenectady High School, as well as at Mont Pleasant; and

WHEREAS, Ed Rimkus played varsity football on the 1931 Mont Pleasant High School team which went undefeated under Athletic Hall of Fame Coach Sig Makofski; and

WHEREAS, After graduating high school, this esteemed man played football at St. Lawrence University (SLU), where he became team captain and contributed as a lineman, blocking back, and kicker; in addition, he was a member of the varsity track team at SLU; and

WHEREAS, First introduced to the sport of bobsledding in 1947, Ed Rimkus finished second as part of a four-man bobsled team at the Olympic Trials in Lake Placid, New York, qualifying him to compete in the 1948 Olympics; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man would go on to win a gold medal as part of the United States four-man bobsled team at the 1948 Winter Olympics in St. Moritz, Switzerland; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards for his many achievements, Ed Rimkus was named the 1948 Schenectady Athlete of the Year, and was selected as a member of the SLU Athletic Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the late Ed Rimkus; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Ed Rimkus for his extraordinary athletic accomplishments which are a tribute to his skill, dedication and commitment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations with praise and pride to honor Ed Rimkus posthumously upon the occasion of his induction into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Ed Rimkus, and the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame.