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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Murray Melton 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 Murray Melton 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 Nott Terrace High School Class of 1957, Murray Melton was both an outstanding basketball player and baseball player at the high school and collegiate levels; and

WHEREAS, Considered one of the greatest shooters in local sports history, Murray Melton played three years of varsity basketball at Nott Terrace under Athletic Hall of Famer Walt Przybylo; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man led the Class A League in scoring as a junior and a senior, and set the single game Nott Terrace High School scoring record with 42 points against Watertown; and

WHEREAS, Murray Melton averaged nearly 29 points per game as a senior and was the first Schenectady City School District player to score over 500 points in a season; his career total of 997 points makes him the most prolific scorer in Nott Terrace High School history; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards for his basketball accom-

plishments, Murray Melton won the Bill Mayotte Memorial Trophy, and was named Gazette MVP and Winter Athlete of the Year by the Schenectady Junior Chamber of Commerce; furthermore, he was nominated for a berth on the North team in the United States All-Star game in Kentucky; and WHEREAS, Murray Melton also displayed his athletic talents in the sport of baseball, where he was an undefeated pitcher and played first base on three Nott Terrace varsity teams; and

WHEREAS, An integral part of a Nott Terrace team that went 11-0 in 1957, Murray Melton went 5-0 as a pitcher that year; and

WHEREAS, After graduating high school, Murray Melton attended Columbia University where he continued his exceptional career in both sports; at one time, his scoring prowess in basketball placed him at number three in career points at Columbia; furthermore, his baseball abilities led to him receiving an offer from the Los Angeles Dodgers; and

WHEREAS, After College, Murray Melton compiled a 60-7 pitching record with the Schenectady Twilight League; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Murray Melton; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Murray Melton 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 Murray Melton 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 Murray Melton, and the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame.