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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Frank Chiffy upon the occasion of his induction into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame on June 8, 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, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Frank Chiffy upon the occasion of his induction into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame, to be celebrated on Sunday, June 8, 2014, at the Radisson Hotel-Utica Centre, Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Frank Chiffy is a 1951 graduate of Thomas R. Proctor High School, where he played football, ran track and was a gymnast; he later competed for the Fort Gordon Army Diving Team, winning several gold and silver medals in 3-meter diving; and

WHEREAS, In 1959, while working part-time at General Electric, Frank Chiffy earned his Bachelor's degree in Physics; he received General Electric's prestigious Key Man Award in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Frank Chiffy began his illustrious career with Rome Air Development Center (RADC) in 1963, as a Research Scientist working on high frequency, troposcatter communications, microwave radio, millimeter radio, and fiber optics; he retired from this esteemed position after three decades of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Founder of the Mohawk Valley Gymnastics Officials Association in 1962, Frank Chiffy later became an Official with the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Association, handling many major college meets, including two NCAA Championships; and

WHEREAS, From 1969 until 1982, Frank Chiffy was the only Gymnastic

Official in Utica, Rome and the Mohawk Valley who was qualified to officiate Eastern Intercollegiate Men's Gymnastic Meets; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he was regarded as an expert on International Gymnastic Federation Code of points used to officiate Gymnastic Competitions at NCAA Tournaments, World Championships and Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, Frank Chiffy judged the Men's Gymnastics Tournament at Temple University; he judged the 1976 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Tournament at Oregon State University, and qualified to officiate Men's Gymnastic Olympic Games in 1977; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and 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 Frank Chiffy upon the occasion of his induction into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame on June 8, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frank Chiffy.