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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring James Osborne upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Chapter 9 Athletic Administrators Award by the New York State Athletic Administrators Association

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor James Osborne upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Chapter 9 Athletic Administrators Award by the New York State Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA); this momentous occasion was celebrated at its Annual Director's Conference, March 12-14, 2014, at the Saratoga Hilton & Conference Center, Saratoga Springs, New York; and

WHEREAS, James Osborne, affectionately known as Jim, has served as a Teacher, Coach, Athletic Director and Orange-Ulster BOCES Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator for a combined 37 years; and

WHEREAS, While teaching at John S. Burke Catholic School in his early career, Jim Osborne coached soccer for 17 years; during this time his teams compiled 233 wins, 74 losses and 11 ties in addition to winning Conference, League, Section and NYSPHSAA Regional Championships; and

WHEREAS, Jim Osborne is currently the Coordinator of Interscholastic Athletics for the Orange-Ulster BOCES; he will retire from this esteemed position in August of 2014, after 20 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, the Mid-Hudson School Study Council honored Jim Osborne with the Excellence in Administration Award for his dedication to the betterment of young athletes and coaches in Section IX; he is fair, committed and well-respected among his peers, working well with

officials, athletic directors and school superintendents to advance and streamline the delivery of sports related services to the schools; and WHEREAS, With a genuine passion and love for his job, Jim Osborne is actively involved in Section IX athletics and currently serves as Treasurer and Secretary; his service in athletic administration has contributed to the work of the NYSAAA in Section IX; and

WHEREAS, The proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Jim Osborne was selected as Coach of the Year in 1983 and 1990, and in 2006, he was elected to the illustrious New York State Soccer Coaches Hall of Fame; he also received the 2002 Distinguished Service Award, as well as the 2013 NYSPHSAA Apple Award; and

WHEREAS, Active within his community, Jim Osborne has served on several NYSPHSAA Committees and in 2012, he was appointed a NYSPHSAA Association Officer; he is currently the 2nd Vice President of NYSPHSAA, a position that gives him the honor and privilege to serve the student-athletes and member schools of New York State; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving wife of 35 years, Marie, and their three beautiful daughters, Deidre, Carolyn and Erin, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor James Osborne upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Chapter 9 Athletic Administrators Award by the New York State Athletic Administrators Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Osborne.