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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Charles L. Battaglia upon the occasion of his induction into the Geneseo Central School District Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Charles L. Battaglia has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Charles L. Battaglia upon the occasion of his induction into the Geneseo Central School District Hall of Fame on May 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Charles L. Battaglia of Waterloo, New York, received this auspicious honor for his quiet leadership since 1949, which has changed both the physical landscape and curriculum of several school communities; and

WHEREAS, Charles L. Battaglia spent more than 40 years as an elementary school teacher, coach, and principal in Moravia, Waterloo, and Romulus school districts, and was also principal of Skoi-Yase School in Waterloo for 33 years; and

WHEREAS, Born in Geneseo, New York, one of six children born to immigrants who spoke little English, Charles L. Battaglia graduated from Geneseo High School in 1944; he earned education and administration degrees from SUNY Geneseo and Syracuse University; and

WHEREAS, In both high school and college, Charles L. Battaglia was a recognized athlete in golf, soccer, baseball, and basketball, and coached all four sports in several communities, including Moravia, Geneva, Waterloo, and Seneca Falls; and

WHEREAS, Charles L. Battaglia's legacy, however, is his passion for

child's play as a learning experience, and for incorporating play and safety into school curriculums; and

WHEREAS, As an advocate for playgrounds at schools, Charles L. Battaglia was instrumental in getting playgrounds built at each school in Waterloo, and encouraged the same in other districts in central New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Charles L. Battaglia founded Summer Youth Programs in both Waterloo and Moravia, and was named an Honorary Life Member of the Waterloo Fire Department for initiating and implementing the first school Fire Safety Program; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Charles L. Battaglia held membership in and leadership positions in many regional and state educational associations, and participated in a variety of civic and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Charles L. Battaglia retired, but was called back to serve as interim principal for Romulus Central Schools within a year; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his induction into the Hall of Fame, the Romulus School District honored Charles L. Battaglia on their Wall of Fame for his accomplishments and service, and he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for his significant educational contributions, outstanding distinction, achievements, and contributions in his career and to his community; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife of 61 years, Marie, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Educators such as Charles L. Battaglia provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of

young people in their educational journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, Charles L. Battaglia has clearly had an enduring impact on

the youth of the Moravia, Waterloo, and Romulus school districts, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of public education by providing their skills and talents to our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Charles L. Battaglia upon the occasion of his induction into the Geneseo Central School District Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Charles L. Battaglia.