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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Rebecca Ahart upon the occasion of her induction into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame on March 15, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those individuals whose exceptional coaching accomplishments and generous voluntary leadership captivated the hearts and minds of their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Rebecca Ahart upon the occasion of her induction into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame, at a ceremony to be held in her honor on Sunday, March 15, 2015, at the Glens Falls Civic Center, Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Ahart, affectionately known as Becky, has been coaching basketball for over 29 years; she compiled an impressive record of 271-209 for a winning average of .604; and

WHEREAS, For 24 years, Becky Ahart was the Head Coach of the Roscoe Central School's Varsity Girls Basketball Team, and for five years, she coached the Roscoe Junior Varsity Team; in addition, she coached combination teams with both Livingston Manor Central School from 2010-2011, and Downsville Central School from 2013-2014; and

WHEREAS, Becky Ahart's stellar coaching record includes four Section IX Class D titles, five league/division titles, 17 sectional tournament appearances, and nine section IX Championship games; and

WHEREAS, From 1999-2003, Becky Ahart led her team to four consecutive

league Championships and three Section IX titles; during that time, her teams compiled an outstanding 73-17 record; furthermore, during the 2010-2011 season, the combined team of Livingston Manor/Roscoe captured the OCIAA Division VI Championship; and

WHEREAS, A highlight of Becky Ahart's career was having the opportunity to coach all four of her daughters as well as her oldest granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her illustrious coaching career, Becky Ahart has made numerous contributions to basketball; she is both a long time member and supporter of the Basketball Coaches Association of New York (BCANY), and has served on the Section IX committee for 19 years; and

WHEREAS, Becky Ahart has also been the Head Coach/Organizer of several Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) girls basketball teams, including the Catskill Mountain AAU team, the Sullivan Shooters, and The Sullivan Sting; in this role, she earned the respect and admiration of players from other schools; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Becky Ahart was the Coach at both the Soddy and Tom Mirabito's Golden Valley and West Chester University of Pennsylvania Basketball Camps; she organized and operated a basketball clinic and coached Sullivan County Community College and Liberty summer basketball leagues; and

WHEREAS, Becky Ahart has also served many years as the Roscoe Varsity and Junior Varsity basketball scorekeeper, and organized both three-on-three basketball tournaments, as well as a Coaches vs. Cancer tournament; and

WHEREAS, From 2007-2008, Becky Ahart coached modified girls basketball teams and worked with Saturday Youth Program teams; in addition, she

coaches softball, cross country, and cheerleading at Roscoe Central School; and

WHEREAS, Becky Ahart has been honored with several awards including the 1990 Cable 6 Girls Basketball Coach of the Year, 2001 BCANY Section

IX Coach of the Year, 2011 BCANY Section IX Class D Girls Coach of the Year, the Western Sullivan League Service Award, and the OCIAA Jim Ross Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Ahart has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of Roscoe, New York, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for her impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 students and our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Rebecca Ahart upon the occasion of her induction into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame on March 15, 2015; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rebecca Ahart.