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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2015 NBT Bank Distinguished Business of the Year Award by the Otsego County Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2015 NBT Bank Distinguished Business of the Year Award by the Otsego County Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its Annual Dinner on Thursday, March 5, 2015, at Hunt Union Ballroom, SUNY Oneonta, Oneonta, New York; and

WHEREAS, The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum will receive this prestigious award in recognition of its contributions in bringing baseball fans from all over the world to Otsego County for its recent 75th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Located on Main Street in the heart of picturesque Coopers-town, New York, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is one of the country's major tourist destinations and is surely the best known sports shrine in the world; and

WHEREAS, Opening its doors for the first time on June 12, 1939, the National Baseball Hall of Fame stands as the definitive repository of the Game's treasures and as a symbol of the most profound individual honor bestowed on an athlete; and

WHEREAS, The Museum's collections contain more than 40,000 three-dimensional artifacts representing all facets of the game, from its inception in the mid-19th century, to the present; in addition, the institution's archives contain in excess of 135,000 baseball cards and three million library items including photographs, books, magazines, newspapers, films and audiotapes; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, with its stories, legends and magic, preserves history, honors excellence and connects generations; and

WHEREAS, The success of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is in direct correlation to the efforts of its administration and staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2015 NBT Bank Distinguished Business of the Year Award by the Otsego County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.