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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Herman and Shirley Weingarten posthumously upon the occasion of their induction into the SUNY Sullivan Athletics Hall of Fame on March 14, 2015

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Herman and Shirley Weingarten posthumously upon the occasion of their induction into the SUNY Sullivan Athletics Hall of Fame which was celebrated on Saturday, March 14, 2015, in Loch Sheldrake, New York; and

WHEREAS, SUNY Sullivan's strong athletic program is a point of pride at the college and reflects its commitment to sportsmanship, academics, and the positive growth of student athletes in its community; and

WHEREAS, Herman Weingarten and his beloved wife Shirley began attending SUNY Sullivan Generals basketball games in the early 1990s, and continued to enthusiastically support the SUNY Sullivan Generals for many years; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed couple were a constant presence at Generals games, witnessing hundreds of wins, 11 regional championships, and four NJCAA National Championships; and

WHEREAS, Charter Members of the SUNY Sullivan Generals Athletic Booster Club, Herman and Shirley Weingarten were beloved by the players, coaches, and fans for their unwavering support of the program; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Herman and Shirley Weingarten passed away within weeks of each other; the General's undefeated season and 2007 NJCAA National Championship was dedicated to their memory; and

WHEREAS, Today, a section of the home bleachers is set up each game in their honor, and a memorial banner recognizing their long-standing support has been placed below the American Flag; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Herman and Shirley Weingarten have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of SUNY Sullivan Athletics; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Herman and Shirley Weingarten posthumously upon the occasion of their induction into the SUNY Sullivan Athletics Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Herman and Shirley Weingarten.