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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Heather Bigby upon the occasion of her 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 congratulate Heather Bigby upon the occasion of her 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, Heather Bigby began her athletic career with the SUNY Sullivan Women's Volleyball Team in 1996, and quickly transformed the Lady Generals into a powerful force in Section XV; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding volleyball hitter, Heather Bigby led her team in kills for two consecutive seasons; her tenacious offense helped the Generals capture back-to-back Mid-Hudson Conference titles, as well as the NCAA Region XV Championship and a trip to the NJCAA National Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Known for her talent and competitive spirit, as well as her infectious smile, Heather Bigby was named Region XV and Mid-Hudson

Conference Player of the Year; furthermore, she was the first Lady General to be named an All-American; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Heather Bigby has 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 congratulate Heather Bigby upon the occasion of her 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 Heather Bigby.