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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Stacey Morris, Class of 1989, upon the occasion of her induction into the 2015 SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those individuals whose exceptional athletic prowess leaves an enduring legacy in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Stacey Morris, Class of 1989, upon the occasion of her induction into the 2015 SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame, which was celebrated at a ceremony held on Saturday, November 7, 2015, at Kuhl's Highland House, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, The SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes those distinguished individuals, who, through outstanding achievement in athletics or service, have made lasting contributions to its sports program and the overall community; and

WHEREAS, A 1989 graduate of SUNY Orange, Stacey Morris played for two years on her school's basketball, softball and soccer squads, and was named to the All Regional Team in all three sports in both of her years at the college; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Stacey Morris was named the 1989 Athlete of the Year, and was a 1,000 point scorer and third-team NJCAA All-American in basketball; and

WHEREAS, Following her exceptional career at SUNY Orange, Stacey Morris became a standout at Wagner College, where she is considered one of the greatest dual sport athletes in school history; and

WHEREAS, As a senior, this remarkable athlete became one of the predominant softball players in the entire Nation, leading the country

in slugging percentage (.954) while ranking second nationally in batting with a robust (.556) average; furthermore, she was also ranked third nationally in home runs (10) and RBIs (43); and

WHEREAS, In 1993, Stacey Morris' reputation for on-the-field excellence continued when she returned to SUNY Orange to serve as head softball coach; over 17 seasons, she amassed more than 300 career victories and guided the Colts to 12 regional and conference championships; and WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and honors, Stacey Morris was inducted into the Wagner College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009; and WHEREAS, Athletes like Stacey Morris provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of student-athletes in their athletic journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, Stacey Morris has clearly been an inspiration to the youth of SUNY Orange, as well as to the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for her impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Stacey Morris has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of her school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Stacey Morris, Class of 1989, upon the occasion of her induction into the 2015 SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Stacey Morris.