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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Gordon "Pete" Sears upon the occasion of his induction into the New York State Hockey Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those esteemed individuals who distinguish themselves through exceptional performance, outstanding achievement, and peerless commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Gordon "Pete" Sears upon the occasion of his induction into the New York State Hockey Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man played a major role in the growth and success of hockey in Oswego, New York; and

WHEREAS, Pete Sears grew up in Lake Placid and was influenced by the Olympic history of the community and the youth sports that were provided by the adults who took an interest in them; he participated in the Lake Placid Pee Wee Hockey Association, Little League, Babe Ruth, American Legion Baseball and Pop Warner Football; and

WHEREAS, After playing four years of high school football, hockey and baseball, Pete Sears went on to attend Oswego State University where he was a standout goaltender on the school's hockey team and earned a degree in education; during this time he was also selected to the All-American College Hockey Team; and

WHEREAS, Intertwined with his college years, Pete Sears valiantly served as an Infantry Squad Leader in the United States Army during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Pete Sears went on to be selected as a goaltender for the 1972 Olympic Hockey Team which went on to win a Silver Medal in Sapporo, Japan; for the next three years he played professional hockey in Cleve-

land, St. Petersburg, and Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Returning to Oswego in 1975, Pete Sears taught history and coached hockey in the City School District for the next 30 years, during which time his teams won multiple league and sectional championships; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the New York State High School Hockey Hall of Fame, Pete Sears has also been inducted into the Oswego State University Hall of Fame, the Oswego State University Athletic Hall of Fame, and the Oswego City Fast-Pitch Softball Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Pete Sears was also awarded New York State's Peter Rush Award for selfless, long-term dedication and commitment to the growth of youth hockey; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his community, Pete Sears has been an active member and coach in USA Hockey, the New York State Empire Games, and is a member of the New York State Elks and American Legion; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Pete Sears for his extraordinary athletic accomplishments which are a tribute to his skill, dedication and commitment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Gordon "Pete" Sears upon the occasion of his induction into the New York State Hockey Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gordon "Pete" Sears.