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Senate Resolution No. 2141

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING Ira Cohen posthumously upon the occasion  
of his induction into the Monticello High School  
Hall of Distinction Class of 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of  
and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves  
through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives  
of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its  
long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor  
Ira Cohen posthumously upon the occasion of his induction into the  
Monticello High School Hall of Distinction Class of 2016; this momentous  
occasion was celebrated on Friday, November 4, 2016, at the Arnold  
Packer Hughs Auditorium in Monticello High School; and

WHEREAS, From a dozen years with the Sullivan County Attorney's  
Office, to his longtime legal representation, to his role as County  
Treasurer, Ira Cohen was undoubtedly a familiar face to countless  
Monticello residents; and

WHEREAS, A 1962 graduate of Monticello High School, Ira Cohen  
excelled academically and was a member of the debate club, baseball and  
basketball teams; he went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Political

Science from the University of Buffalo, and a Juris Doctor degree from Albany Law School in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Renowned for his work as Sullivan County Treasurer, Ira Cohen was the proud recipient of the Treasurer of the Year Award; he was instrumental in increasing the county's bond rating, as well as in negotiating deals with American Indian nations seeking to open casinos in Sullivan; and

WHEREAS, As a public servant, Ira Cohen was often called upon for advice and guidance; he was also a member of the New York State and Sullivan County Bar Associations, the New York State County Attorney's Society, and the County Treasurers and Finance Officers Association; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Ira Cohen stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Ira Cohen displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Ira Cohen, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by those who knew him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Ira Cohen posthumously upon the occasion of his induction into the Monticello High School Hall of Distinction Class of 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Ira Cohen.