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Senate Resolution No. 5489

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Gerry Staudmyer upon the occasion of being inducted into the Rome Sports Hall of Fame on July 29, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding athletes who have distinguished themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gerry Staudmyer upon the occasion of being inducted into the Rome Sports Hall of Fame on Sunday, July 29, 2018, at the Inn at the Beeches, Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, After moving with his family at the age of four from Seneca Falls, New York, Gerry Staudmyer grew up on MacArthur Drive in Rome; he fondly remembers his dad tightly tying his skates, allowing him to walk across Black River Boulevard to Franklyn's Field where he and his friends would practice their hockey skills; and

WHEREAS, Packing a powerful wallop and precision into his stick work, Gerry Staudmyer would grow up to become a prolific scorer for the Rome Free Academy (RFA) Hockey Team from the late 1960s through the

early 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, because his coach, the legendary Don Geary insisted on it, Gerry Staudmyer also played soccer for RFA; and

WHEREAS, Gerry Staudmyer's name remains listed in the top ten all time RFA leaders for a single season and career; and

WHEREAS, After high school, Gerry Staudmyer played four years of hockey at SUNY Oswego, where he continued to be a standout performer; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his studies, Gerry Staudmyer continued to find time for hockey, playing for the Ithaca Stars and the Copper City Chiefs; he took a hiatus from the game in the mid-1980s when he served his country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Gerry Staudmyer has spent his illustrious career as an IT Specialist for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration in College Park, Maryland, just a few miles from his home in Waldorf; and

WHEREAS, Today, this extraordinary athlete continues to play hockey with a local adult program called the GeriHatTricks; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Kathleen, and their four children, Emily, Connor, Dylan and Timothy, who have all shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when

individuals of such outstanding athletic accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gerry Staudmyer upon the occasion of being inducted into the Rome Sports Hall of Fame on July 29, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gerry Staudmyer.