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Senate Resolution No. 5491

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Tom Barry, Jr. 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 Tom Barry, Jr. 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, Affectionately known as T. BEAR, Tom Barry, Jr. enters the Rome Sports Hall of Fame as a Contributor in recognition of his more than 40 years of service to the Rome sports community as an athlete, coach, mentor, administrator, organizer, role model and volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Little League baseball was the beginning of Tom Barry's athletic career, which included intramural sports at Transfiguration, being named captain of both his football and basketball teams at RCH, and a combined total of more than 25 years of coaching at RCH and RFA;

and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Tom Barry, Jr. helped organize and run the Rome City Recreation Department's summer and fall basketball leagues from 1998 until 2008; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Tom Barry, Jr. became part of the Rome Lady Rebels, an AAU basketball program, where he has also served as board member and President; additionally, he established the Annual Shamrock Shootout Basketball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man served for three years as President of the RFA Girls Basketball Booster Club while his daughters played; he has also been a key member of the Michele Adey Memorial Golf Tournament which has raised significant funds for Cystic Fibrosis; and

WHEREAS, In addition to giving tirelessly of his time and energies to his community, Tom Barry, Jr. served as a fulltime employee of Niagara Mohawk-National Grid for nearly four decades; 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 Tom Barry, Jr. 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 Tom Barry, Jr.