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Senate Resolution No. 51

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Bill DeKing Jr. upon the occasion of his induction into the Central New York Stock Car Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding stock car drivers, 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 commend Bill DeKing Jr. upon the occasion of his induction into the Central New York Stock Car Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Born on February 3, 1954, Bill DeKing Jr. began his illustrious stock car career driving his 1968 Chevy Nova in 1978; his love for racing began at a young age when he would help Jerry Wisnoski with work on his car and went racing with him; and

WHEREAS, Since participating in his first race at the age of 24, Bill DeKing Jr. has continued to drive car number 3Y and has competed at Brookfield, Utica-Rome, Fulton, Fonda, Weedsport and Brewerton Speedways; and

WHEREAS, After his first feature win at Brookfield Speedway in 1978,

Bill DeKing Jr. went on to win 15 features and two track championships; furthermore, he finished 10th with a street stock car at a 100 Lap Open Late Model Competition, and 5th at the Clark Mill 50 for Late Models; and

WHEREAS, An avid racing and Dale Earnhardt fan, off the track, Bill DeKing Jr.'s most memorable moments have been building his car with family and friends, and watching his wife win a Powder Puff Derby at Skyline Raceway; and

WHEREAS, Today, this respected figure in the sport of stock car racing is a proud resident of Bridgewater, New York, where he gives of his time and energies to the Bridgewater Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving wife, Dale, and their three wonderful children, Sheila, Billy and Eric, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor Bill DeKing Jr. for his extraordinary racing accomplishments which are a tribute to his skill, dedication and commitment; his character and achievements stand as a sterling example and inspiration to all who would aspire to success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Bill DeKing Jr. upon the occasion of his induction into the Central New York Stock Car Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bill DeKing Jr.

