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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Jean Halahan of Middletown on winning her 10th overall national racquetball championship

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding athletes who distinguish themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, The Women's Senior/Masters Racquetball Association (WSMRA) is dedicated to promoting racquetball as a lifetime sport; its members are women 35 and over who wish to compete on a high level while, at the same time, have fun; and

WHEREAS, The WSMRA sponsors an annual tournament of self-refereed, round robin play within age groups; the 21st Annual Women's Senior/Masters Racquetball Association's National Championships were held at the Lakeforest Sport and Health Club in Gaithersburg, Maryland on January 15-17, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Despite playing with a torn meniscus in her left knee, Jean Halahan, a Washingtonville High School teacher, proudly won her 10th overall national championship in the age 40 group against five of the top women players from across the country; and

WHEREAS, Her toughest match was against the number one seed, Lorraine Galloway, who played on the Montenegro national team in the International World Championships; Jean Halahan came from behind in both games to win the match 15-13, 15-13; and

WHEREAS, Jean Halahan now stands preeminent in her sport, having demonstrated to the world and to herself, the ability and determination to achieve her personal goals, setting an example of dedication and commitment for others to follow and bringing honor to herself, her family, her community and the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the achievement of Jean Halahan in winning her 10th overall national racquetball championship at the 21st Annual Women's Senior/Masters Racquetball Association's National Championships held in Gaithersburg, Maryland on January 15-17, 2010; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jean Halahan.