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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the 1982 Mohawk Valley Stars upon the occasion of their induction into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor the 1982 Mohawk Valley Stars upon the occasion of their induction into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Hall's Class of 2011 Induction Ceremony, to be held on Sunday, June 5, 2011, at the Radisson Hotel-Utica Centre in Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Winners of the first-ever Atlantic Coast Hockey League Championship with a 28-18-1 record, the 1982 Mohawk Valley Stars captured the first professional hockey title in the Mohawk Valley since 1970; and

WHEREAS, The 1982 Mohawk Valley Stars are the first team to be honored with induction into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Coached by 1990 Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame Inductee William "Bill" Horton, who was named the ACHL Coach of the Year, the 1982 Mohawk Valley Stars were victorious over the Salem Raiders, coached by Pat Kelly, in the championship series and were the recipients of the Inaugural Payne Trophy; and

WHEREAS, The 1982 Mohawk Valley Stars were led by Richard Suwek's 54 points and Ed Smith's 24 goals; Bill Provencher and Randy Ireland each had 14 wins in goal for the Stars; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the 1982 Mohawk Valley Stars; 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; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor the 1982 Mohawk Valley Stars for their extraordinary athletic accomplishments which are a tribute to their skill, dedication and commitment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations with praise and pride to honor the 1982 Mohawk Valley Stars upon the occasion of their induction into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame.