

## 2011-J2356

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Anthony Ortolano upon the occasion of being inducted into the Rome Sports Hall of Fame on July 31, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those exemplary athletes, coaches, and administrators who have distinguished themselves and their schools through outstanding commitment, 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 Anthony Ortolano upon the occasion of being inducted into the Rome Sports Hall of Fame to be celebrated at its 35th Annual Induction and Awards Dinner at the Beeches, on Sunday, July 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Rome, New York, Anthony Ortolano is regarded as one of the country's leading athletic trainers; currently a resident of Nassau, he serves as the head athletic trainer at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, a position in which he has remained since 1985; and

WHEREAS, A 1972 Rome Free Academy graduate, Anthony played lacrosse, football, basketball, swam, and ran cross country; he went on to attend Norwich University, where he accepted an internship in athletic training; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Ortolano's most skilled sport at Norwich University was lacrosse; he was Captain of the squad for two years as well as an all-star player; today, he continues to be active in the sport on the grand masters level; and

WHEREAS, After leaving Norwich University, Anthony Ortolano earned his masters in athletic training from Central Connecticut; he went on to serve as an athletic trainer at Union College as well as SUNY Platts-

burgh, before moving on to RPI; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Anthony Ortolano has won multiple medals and awards, some of which include at the International Lacrosse Federation World Championships, the U.S. Kayak-Canoe Championships, the Empire State Games, and as a member of the U.S. Bobsled Federation; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Ortolano is a recipient of the esteemed Thomas Sheehan Award, given to the person who has done the most for the advancement of athletic training in the state, and has been inducted into the Adirondack Chapter of the United States Lacrosse Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Anthony Ortolano upon the occasion of being inducted into the Rome Sports Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anthony Ortolano.