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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Bill Howell upon the occasion of his induction into the 2014 Athletic Hall of Fame by the SS Seward Institute

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those individuals whose exceptional athletic prowess leaves an enduring legacy in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Bill Howell upon the occasion of his induction into the 2014 Athletic Hall of Fame by the SS Seward Institute, which was celebrated at its Induction Ceremony on September 27, 2014; and

WHEREAS, An important figure in the history of the SS Seward Institute, Bill Howell Class of 1947, had an outstanding high school athletic career in soccer; and

WHEREAS, Although running a dairy farm in Florida, New York, left little time for athletics, Bill Howell thrived on the sport of soccer which he played extremely well; and

WHEREAS, Bill Howell was an eager participant when then principal/coach/teacher Phillip Woodward introduced the sport of soccer to Seward Institute in 1945; one year later, Alex F. Paul arrived and took over most of the coaching duties; and

WHEREAS, As he and his team, along with their new coach, began to learn the sport, Bill Howell played the position of fullback; with a broad frame and known to be quick on his feet, his unbeatable talents demonstrated his agility as an outstanding defensive player; and

WHEREAS, In the fall of 1947, Bill Howell was instrumental in helping his team capture the Division Championship; it was a first for the fledging soccer program, and one that Bill and his former teammates

still reminisce about today; and

WHEREAS, Upon his post-graduate season, Bill Howell stayed on his dairy farm for several more years until selling the business and founding the DTH Septic Service; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Bill Howell devoted his time and energies to the Boy Scouts of America Troop No. 44; for 10 years, he served as Scoutmaster in which 14 scouts attained the rank of Eagle, including his six sons, and one grandson; and

WHEREAS, Bill Howell received the very prestigious Silver Beaver Award for his dedication and commitment to the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Audrey, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Athletes such as Bill Howell provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of student-athletes in their athletic journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, Bill Howell has clearly been an inspiration to the youth of the SS Seward Institute, as well as to the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of public education by providing their skills and talents to our students and our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Bill Howell upon the occasion of his induction into the 2014 Athletic Hall of Fame by the SS Seward Institute; and be it further

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