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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Rick Illobre 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 Rick Illobre 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, Rick Illobre, Class of 1971, had an outstanding high school athletic career; he was a three-year starter in soccer, basketball, and baseball; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the soccer team, Rick Illobre played halfback; his unbeatable talents demonstrated his agility as both an outstanding offensive and defensive player; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Rick Illobre could score with either foot, and was the designated penalty kicker; he was selected to play soccer at the Air Force Academy, but chose to attend SUNY Oneonta; and

WHEREAS, Rick Illobre was instrumental in leading his basketball team in scoring in both his junior and senior year; he averaged 15 points a game in his junior year, and 17.7 in his senior year; and

WHEREAS, One of Rick Illobre's most memorable high school basketball game was when SS Seward Institute played Chester and he scored 30 points and made 16 out of 17 foul shots; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious high school baseball career, Rick

Illobre was a potent pitcher and clutch hitter; in his senior year, he led the Seward Spartans to the Section 9 Class D Championship with his exceptional pitching and hitting talents; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Rick Illobre was the winning pitcher in the semi-finals over the undefeated Jeff-Youngsville; in the finals against Tuxedo, he escaped a no-out bases-loaded seventh inning by striking out two batters and getting a final ground out to second base; and

WHEREAS, A perfect example of Rick Illobre's two-way-threat was a baseball game against Chester where he pitched a no-hitter and won the close game with a two-run homer; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating from Oneonta, Rick Illobre briefly taught math in the Ellenville School District before establishing the Prestige Inspection Company in West Palm Beach, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Athletes such as Rick Illobre 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, Rick Illobre 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 Rick Illobre 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 Rick Illobre.