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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Lori Itzla Van Tassel upon the occasion of her 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 Lori Itzla Van Tassel upon the occasion of her 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 Athletics Program, Lori Itzla Van Tassel, Class of 1991, had an outstanding athletic career with the Lady Seward Spartans; and

WHEREAS, During her illustrious high school athletic career, Lori Itzla Van Tassel was a mainstay on the varsity soccer team for four years which included four straight Class D Section 9 Titles, and the first ever New York State Championship team in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Lori Itzla Van Tassel had three productive years in both varsity softball and varsity basketball; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, Lori Itzla Van Tassel led the SS Seward Institute to the Class D Section 9 Championship where they made it to the State Final Four; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating from high school, Lori Itzla Van Tassel earned a soccer scholarship to Tusculum College in Tennessee, where she played Division II soccer for four years; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, Lori Itzla Van Tassel made the All-District Team, as well as the All-State Women's Soccer Team; and

WHEREAS, Lori Itzla Van Tassel graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education; she taught briefly in the Port Jervis School District, followed by a part-time position at the SS Seward Institute; and

WHEREAS, Today, Lori Itzla Van Tassel of Pine Bush, New York, teaches at the Walden Elementary School within the Valley Central School District; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Lori Itzla Van Tassel has had the pleasure of coaching various sports on the modified, junior varsity, and varsity levels; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband Samuel, and their two children, Erin and Samuel, who feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Athletes such as Lori Itzla Van Tassel 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, Lori Itzla Van Tassel 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 her 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 Lori Itzla Van Tassel upon the occasion of her 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 Lori Itzla Van Tassel.