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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating David Brownbill, Class of 1967, upon the occasion of his induction into the 2014 SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame

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 David Brownbill, Class of 1967, upon the occasion of his induction into the 2014 SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame, which was celebrated at a ceremony on Saturday, November 8, 2014, at Kuhl's Highland House, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, The SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes those individuals, who, through outstanding achievement in athletics or service, have made lasting contributions to its sports program and the overall community; and

WHEREAS, David Brownbill, a member of the Class of 1967, was a two-year standout for the SUNY Orange Men's Basketball Team during the 1964-65 and 1965-66 seasons; and

WHEREAS, A prolific scorer and known sharpshooter, David Brownbill amassed 1,356 points during his career and today ranks second on the Colts' all-time scoring list; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, David Brownbill led the East Coast Junior College Conference in scoring, averaging 29.5 points per game; he was named to the ECJCC All-Star Team, and was named the ECJCC tournament Most Valuable Player; furthermore, he was the only New Yorker named to the New York-Maryland Challenge Cup All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, The following year, David Brownbill helped the Colts to a

sparkling 17-5 record before continuing his career at Hofstra, and graduating from the Long Island university in 1969; and

WHEREAS, During the 1970s and 1980s, David Brownbill played alongside many basketball greats while participating in the legendary Rucker Tournament in New York City; he was also a close friend of National Basketball Association Hall of Famer Julius "Dr. J." Erving; and

WHEREAS, David Brownbill was also a member of the Harlem Laugh-Ins travelling comedy basketball team which barnstormed the Northeast in the early 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Currently, David Brownbill is a Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists actor who has appeared briefly in a variety of television shows and movies, including "Law and Order," "The Sopranos," "Spiderman 3," and "We Own the Night"; in addition, he teaches a computer lab for senior citizens at the New York City Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, Athletes such as David Brownbill 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, David Brownbill has clearly been an inspiration to the youth of SUNY Orange, as well as to the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and David Brownbill has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of his school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate David Brownbill, Class of 1967, upon the occasion of his induction into the 2014 SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David Brownbill.