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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Bob Heins, Class of 1971, 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 Bob Heins, Class of 1971, 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, Bob Heins, a member of the Class of 1971, played on the SUNY Orange Golf teams during both the 1970 and 1971 seasons; he was selected as the Mid-Hudson Conference Most Valuable Player in 1971, and was a two-time runner-up at the Region XV tournament; and

WHEREAS, Bob Heins qualified for the national tournament during each of his two seasons, and led his team on an impressive streak of 39 straight duel match victories; and

WHEREAS, Following graduation, Bob Heins went on to compete at the University of Florida alongside such notable players as Gary Koch, Andy North, Phil Hancock and Woody Blackburn; and

WHEREAS, A successful professional golfer, Bob Heins twice earned Metropolitan PGA Player of the Year honors, and is a six-time Met PGA

Senior Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Bob Heins has been the Head Professional at Old Oaks Country Club in Purchase, New York, for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous accolades and honors, Bob Heins was named the 2000 Metropolitan PGA Professional of the Year, and has earned the Bill Strausbaugh Award three times for his work with employment and club relations; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Bob Heins was recognized by the PGA's Metropolitan Golf Association Board as its 2008 Teacher of the Year, and was elected to the Metropolitan Golf Association Hall of Fame in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Athletes such as Bob Heins 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, Bob Heins 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 Bob Heins 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 Bob Heins, Class of 1971, 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 Bob Heins.