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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Theresa Rickard, Class of 1976, upon the occasion of her 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 Theresa Rickard, Class of 1976, upon the occasion of her induction into the 2014 SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame, which was celebrated at a ceremony held 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, Theresa Rickard, a member of the Class of 1976, achieved standout careers in both women's basketball and softball, and helped lead both teams to state titles; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Rickard was a starter for the SUNY Orange Colts' Women's Basketball Team which won the New York State Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Championship, and placed third in the Eastern Association Regional Tournament in 1976; during this time, she was the team leader in assists and steals, while being second in scoring; and

WHEREAS, A softball outfielder, Theresa Rickard batted .381 in 1976 to help the Colts capture the New York State Championship; she also played in the National Women's Tournament in Huntington Beach, California, and

won the Mary B. Diana Female Athlete of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Theresa Rickard is a Dominican Sister, who serves as President and Executive Director of RENEW International, a Catholic not-for-profit organization which develops and implements pastoral programs to help people deepen their faith and live it through works of charity and acts of justice; and

WHEREAS, A nationally known speaker, Theresa Rickard is also the author of THE LIVING GOSPEL: DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR LENT 2014, and a contributing author to such books as PREACHING IN THE SUNDAY ASSEMBLY and PREACHING CHRIST CRUCIFIED; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Theresa Rickard was inducted into the 2007 St. Mary's High School Hall of Fame in Manhasset, New York, and was also selected by the American Bible Society to receive its 2014 Christian Leader Award for her leadership in Bible engagement ministry; and

WHEREAS, Athletes such as Theresa Rickard 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, Theresa Rickard 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 her impressive dedication to others; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Theresa Rickard, Class of 1976, upon the occasion of her 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 Theresa Rickard.