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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Maurice Roche posthumously upon the occasion of his induction into the SUNY Sullivan Athletics Hall of Fame on March 14, 2015

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Maurice Roche posthumously upon the occasion of his induction into the SUNY Sullivan Athletics Hall of Fame which was celebrated on Saturday, March 14, 2015, in Loch Sheldrake, New York; and

WHEREAS, SUNY Sullivan's strong athletic program is a point of pride at the college and reflects its commitment to sportsmanship, academics, and the positive growth of student athletes in its community; and

WHEREAS, Maurice "Rease" Roche, a native of Sullivan County, was an avid sportsman and a fixture on the national softball circuit; and

WHEREAS, A vital contributor to the success of SUNY Sullivan Athletics, Maurice Roche was a member of the Board of Trustees, and an active member of the Athletic Committee; and

WHEREAS, Maurice Roche believed athletics were a critical part of both campus and community spirit, and strived to create a championship program at SUNY Sullivan; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Maurice Roche worked tirelessly to ensure student-athletes had access to first class facilities and coaches

for all sports programs; much of the credit for the Generals championship pedigree is due to his vision, support, and tenacity; and WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Maurice Roche has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of SUNY Sullivan Athletics; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Maurice Roche posthumously upon the occasion of his induction into the SUNY Sullivan Athletics Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Maurice Roche.