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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Tom Lang upon the occasion of his induction into the 2015 Long Island Soccer Player Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 Tom Lang upon the occasion of his induction into the 2015 Long Island Soccer Player Hall of Fame, which was celebrated at the 33rd Annual Long Island Junior Soccer League Convention in Melville, New York, on Saturday, March 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Tom Lang grew up playing for the Long Island Junior Soccer League's (LIJSL) New Hyde Park Wildcats and Garden City Centennials; he won the Division 2 National Championship with Adelphi in 1973, scoring 101 goals; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable athlete's professional resume includes playing for the New York Cosmos, Caribous of Colorado, and Atlanta Chiefs of the North American Soccer League, as well as the New Jersey Americans of the American Soccer League; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Tom Lang played for Lynbrook Steuben of the LIJSL for 25 years and never received a single yellow or red card; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Tom Lang coached Lynbrook Steuben to the Over-30 National Championship; he has also coached the Hofstra University and Fairleigh Dickinson University men's teams, as well as the Adelphi University women's team; and

WHEREAS, For nearly two decades, Tom Lang has been the men's soccer coach at Southern Connecticut State, where he has won two Division 2 National Titles during his illustrious tenure; and

WHEREAS, Athletes and coaches such as Tom Lang 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, Tom Lang has clearly been an inspiration to the Long Island soccer players, as well as to the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Tom Lang upon the occasion of his induction into the 2015 Long Island Soccer Player Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tom Lang.