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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dot Hoyt Nebel posthumously upon the occasion of her induction into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding athletes who have distinguished themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dot Hoyt Nebel posthumously upon the occasion of her induction into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame, to be celebrated at its 18th Annual Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner on Monday, September 21, 2015, at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the original Schenectady High School in 1921, Dot Hoyt Nebel was an important pioneer in the history of women's skiing; and

WHEREAS, Dot Hoyt Nebel began skiing in Central Park, and became a self-taught downhill and slalom expert; she was also a teacher and ski club advisor at both Schenectady High School and Mont Pleasant High School, where she coached the ski team; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable athlete accomplished numerous feats during her distinguished career; she finished in third place at the 1938 Women's National Championship and had two 4th place finishes as part of the 1938 United States International Ski Federation Team; and

WHEREAS, In 1939, Dot Hoyt Nebel won prestigious races at Mt. Rainier, Mt. Hood, and Mt. Baker; in addition, she participated in the Olympic Trials and was named to the 1940 Winter Olympics team; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Dot Hoyt Nebel captured back-to-back downhill

and slalom titles at the Eastern Skiing Championships, winning the 1940 downhill course in record time; and

WHEREAS, A trailblazer in women's skiing, Dot Hoyt Nebel was one of the first female ski school instructors in the nation; she served as a coach and instructor at Pico Peak and managed the Gore Mountain ski school; Dot was also the Founder and first President of the New York State Professional Ski Instructors Association and coached a future Olympic Gold medalist; and

WHEREAS, In honor of her many outstanding accomplishments, Governor George Pataki declared January 30, 1999, as "Dot Nebel Day" in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Dot Hoyt Nebel; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to honor Dot Hoyt Nebel for her extraordinary athletic accomplishments which are a tribute to her skill, dedication and commitment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations with praise and pride to honor Dot Hoyt Nebel posthumously upon the occasion of her induction into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Dot Hoyt Nebel, and the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame.