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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Larry Laoretti upon the occasion of his induction into the 2015 SUNY Delhi Athletic Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those individuals whose exceptional athletic prowess and distinguished record of service 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 Larry Laoretti upon the occasion of his induction into the 2015 SUNY Delhi Athletic Hall of Fame, to be celebrated at an induction ceremony held on June 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, A native of Mahopac, New York, Larry Laoretti was a five-time all-star in basketball, baseball, and football, and a graduate of Mahopac High School in 1950, before proudly serving his country as a member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Following the completion of his military service, Larry Laoretti played professional golf on the PGA Tour, and served as a head golf professional at numerous prestigious courses; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, this esteemed man won both the regular and senior Florida PGA Championships; he joined the Senior PGA Tour the following season, and later won the 1992 U.S. Senior Open; and

WHEREAS, For more than 20 years, Larry Laoretti has served as a volunteer spokesman, advocate, and supporter of golf, education and athletic programs at SUNY Delhi; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Larry Laoretti agreed to be SUNY Delhi's national spokesman to assist with efforts to raise funds for the expansion of the college golf course, a venue which also serves a variety of athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, Since then, Larry Laoretti has appeared at virtually every

golf fund-raising tournament for the school, and the value of his volunteer services has been immeasurable; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Larry Laoretti has hosted the SUNY Delhi college golf team at his club in Florida, and is a regular celebrity guest at the annual benefit held in Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, Athletes such as Larry Laoretti 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, Larry Laoretti has clearly been an inspiration to the youth of SUNY Delhi, 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 practice of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of public education by providing their skills and talents to our students and our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Larry Laoretti upon the occasion of his induction into the 2015 SUNY Delhi Athletic Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Larry Laoretti.