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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Jim Hoover upon the occasion of his induction into the 2015 New York State Public High School Athletic Association 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 Jim Hoover upon the occasion of his induction into the 2015 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame to be celebrated on Wednesday, July 29, 2015, at the Doubletree in Tarrytown, New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 39 years, Jim Hoover has guided young athletes to success both on and off the field as the coach of the Walton High School Varsity Football Team; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Vestal High School, Jim Hoover, as a young man, played football under the instruction of his father, Dick Hoover; and

WHEREAS, Jim Hoover proudly served his country as a member of the United Marine Corps. for four years before receiving his bachelor's degree from Ithaca College, and master's degree from the College of Saint Rose; and

WHEREAS, As coach of the Walton Warriors Football Team, Jim Hoover has compiled an impressive overall record of 306 victories against 80 losses; he is also one of only five coaches in New York State history in the 300-win club; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure, Jim Hoover guided his teams to the 1994 Class C State Championship and the 2007 Class D State Championship, finishing 13-0 in both seasons; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable leader and mentor also led the Walton Warriors to 10-0 seasons in 1987 and 1989, as well as an 11-0 campaign in 1991, prior to the implementation of the State playoff system; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Jim Hoover coached the Warriors to an 8-1 record, finishing a season unbeaten or with one loss for the 19th time in his career; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous accolades and honors, Jim Hoover has been named THE DAILY STAR'S Coach of the Year 11 times, and was inducted into the 2009 Section IV Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Athletes and coaches such as Jim Hoover 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, Jim Hoover has clearly been an inspiration to the youth of Walton High School, 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 Jim Hoover upon the occasion of his induction into the 2015 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Coach Jim Hoover.