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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the 1930 and 1933 Granville High School Football Teams upon the occasion of being inducted into the Capital Region Football Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding sports teams 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 1930 and 1933 Granville High School Football Teams upon the occasion of being inducted into the Capital Region Football Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, In August of 2015, the 1930 and 1933 Granville High School Football Teams will become the first athletic teams inducted into the Capital Region Football Hall of Fame, which previously had included only players, coaches and officials; and

WHEREAS, During the late 1920s and into the 1930s, Granville High School boasted one of the premier football programs in the Capital Region, accomplishing a run of dominance that has never been matched; and

WHEREAS, The Granville Golden Horde lost only three games from 1929 through 1934, outscoring its opponents by a total of 1,294 points to 140 points against; only 11 teams during this five year period managed to cross Granville's goal line and of those, only three managed to score more than seven points in a game; and

WHEREAS, Much of this success was due to the tutelage of Coach Sam Eppolito, a physical and athletic instructor, who guided Granville's thriving athletics program to excellence, particularly in football; and

WHEREAS, The Granville Golden Horde began the 1930 season with a 19-0

victory over Mechanicville, followed by a 37-0 rout of Hudson Falls and a 20-0 win over Cambridge; they next cruised to an easy victory over local powerhouse Glens Falls, and continued to post convincing wins over Saratoga and Greenwich, as well as undefeated Whitehall; and

WHEREAS, At the end of the 1930 season, the Golden Horde held an undefeated record, having outscored their opponents 227-0 in nine games; and

WHEREAS, The 1933 Granville Golden Horde Football Team continued to add to this winning tradition by opening their season with a resounding 40-0 victory over Glens Falls, followed by a 21-0 win over Hudson Falls, and a 52-0 win over Fort Edward; in addition, they defeated Whitehall 6-0 to win in the annual showdown; and

WHEREAS, These remarkable athletes next defeated a team consisting of RPI freshmen by a score of 20-0, and posted a 12-0 win over Mineville in the regular-season finale; they next faced Cambridge in the title game where they were victorious 40-0 in route to the championship; at the conclusion of their undefeated season, Granville had outscored all opponents 191-0; and

WHEREAS, The Granville High School Football program experienced further success in the years to come, although not to the same degree as the teams in the early 1930s; the incredible legacy of these unbeatable teams will continue to inspire Golden Horde players for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor the 1930 and 1933 Granville High School Football Teams for their extraordinary athletic accomplishments which are a tribute to the skill, dedication and commitment of these incredible athletes and coaches; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations with praise and pride to honor the 1930 and 1933 Granville High School Football Teams upon the occasion of their induction into the Capital District Football Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Granville High School.