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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ellie Bruce and Dale Rashford upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2015 Frank Clark Service Award by the Rome Sports Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to call attention to the dedicated efforts of those individuals from across the State of New York who volunteer their time and energies in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Ellie Bruce and Dale Rashford have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ellie Bruce and Dale Rashford upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2015 Frank Clark Service Award by the Rome Sports Hall of Fame to be celebrated at its 39th Annual Dinner at the Beeches Inn and Conference Center, Rome, New York, on Sunday, July 26, 2015; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award is named in memory of Frank Clark, a long-time member of the Rome Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors and a valued member of numerous community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ellie Bruce and Dale Rashford have contributed many years of faithful service to the Rome sports community, as well as to civic and charitable causes, and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, One of the original founders of the Rome Sports Hall of Fame in 1977, Ellie Bruce has served in several vital roles throughout her 38 years of volunteer service with the organization; during this time, she has held the office of President, chaired several committees, and remains an active member on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this remarkable woman has sponsored the Ellie Bruce Exceptional Team of Excellence Award and has been active in such

community services as the Rome Hospital Twigs, Rome Historical Society, Jervis Public Library, Ava Dorfman Senior Center, Hospice Care, and CareNet; and

WHEREAS, An integral part of youth sports in the City of Rome, Dale Rashford has guided and mentored young athletes as a coach in soccer, basketball, and baseball; he has also served as a 23-year member of IAABO Board 51 as a high school boys basketball referee, and has participated as referee for Empire State Games boys basketball games and tryouts; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Dale Rashford has been a dedicated member of the Rome Lions Club for 33 years, and has been an avid supporter of his alma mater, Rome Catholic High School, for the past four decades; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Ellie Bruce and Dale Rashford have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Ellie Bruce and Dale Rashford have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ellie Bruce and Dale Rashford upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2015 Frank Clark Service Award by the Rome Sports Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ellie Bruce and Dale Rashford.