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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Kristi Beth Kvalheim posthumously upon the occasion of her induction into the 2016 Fort Hamilton High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame on February 13, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor those individuals whose exceptional athletic prowess has left an enduring legacy in their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Kristi Beth Kvalheim posthumously upon the occasion of her induction into the 2016 Fort Hamilton High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame, to be celebrated at its Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 13, 2016, at Rex Manor, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, A 1995 graduate of Fort Hamilton High School in Brooklyn, New York, Kristi Beth Kvalheim was known as a star athlete, and well-liked and admired by her peers; she was elected to the position of Senior Council Secretary; and

WHEREAS, A fierce competitor, Kristi Beth Kvalheim was an enthusiastic member of several sports teams at Fort Hamilton High School including Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Tennis and Junior Varsity Basketball; after graduation, she planned on becoming a physical education teacher at her alma mater; and

WHEREAS, Unfortunately her dreams fell short; shortly after graduation, this vital young woman was diagnosed with leukemia, and tragically, on February 8, 1996, she succumbed to her illness; and

WHEREAS, Kristi will long be remembered not only for her stellar athletic prowess, but also for her positive attitude, and sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, Today, Kristi Beth Kvalheim's legacy lives on; the girls' gym was named the Kristi Beth Memorial Gymnasium in her honor, a fitting

tribute to an exceptional young woman; and

WHEREAS, Athletes such as Kristi Beth Kvalheim have provided 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, Kristi Beth Kvalheim has clearly been an inspiration to the youth of Fort Hamilton High School, as well as to the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for her impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Kristi Beth Kvalheim posthumously upon the occasion of her induction into the 2016 Fort Hamilton High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame on February 13, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Kristi Beth Kvalheim.