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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Rosalia Gioia upon the occasion of her induction into the 2015 Nassau County High School Athletic 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 Rosalia Gioia upon the occasion of her induction into the 2015 Nassau County High School Athletic Hall of Fame, which was celebrated at its Induction Ceremony on September 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, One of over 1,000 officials on Long Island, Rosalia Gioia was recognized for her outstanding service and leadership to the high school interscholastic programs for boys and girls in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, Well liked and respected by her peers, Rosalia Gioia was also inducted into the United States National Lacrosse Hall of Fame, the Long Island Metropolitan Lacrosse Foundation Hall of Fame, the Nassau County Field Hockey Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the Hunter College Distinguished Alumnae Hall of Fame, and the Hunter College Athletic Hall of Fame, as well as the New Hyde Park Memorial High School Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Born in Brooklyn, New York, Rosalia Gioia majored in physical education at Hunter College; during her time there, she realized she had a passion for officiating; and

WHEREAS, Rosalia Gioia began her illustrious career officiating in local Catholic Youth Organization games; those games evolved into Catholic high school sports for girls; and

WHEREAS, Rosalia Gioia was one of the original staff members of New

Hyde Park Memorial High School when it opened in 1956; during her 37 year tenure, she coached girl's field hockey, lacrosse, basketball, tennis and volleyball; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she served as a teacher, an Administrator, the girl's Athletic Director, and the Chairman of the Physical Education Department; and

WHEREAS, For more than 60 years, Rosalia Gioia has been coaching and officiating various sports games including girls' basketball, volleyball, field hockey, lacrosse and softball at various levels of play; and

WHEREAS, Today, at the age of 84, Rosalia Gioia still remains active; she runs track and plays softball in senior competition, and continues to officiate hockey and lacrosse; and

WHEREAS, Athletes such as Rosalia Gioia 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, Rosalia Gioia has clearly been an inspiration to the youth of Nassau County, 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 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 Rosalia Gioia upon the occasion of her induction into the 2015 Nassau County High School Athletic Hall of Fame on September 30, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rosalia Gioia.