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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Charles Bridge, Jr., upon the occasion of his induction into the Basketball Coaches Association of New York Hall of Fame on March 13, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those individuals whose exceptional coaching accomplishments and generous voluntary leadership captivated the hearts and minds of their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Charles Bridge, Jr. upon the occasion of his induction into the Basketball Coaches Association of New York Hall of Fame, at a ceremony to be held on Sunday, March 13, 2016, at the Glens Falls Civic Center, Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, Charles Bridge, Jr. served as the Sackets Harbor Boys Varsity Basketball Coach from 1979 until 2006, compiling an impressive record of 376-194 for a winning average of .659, and capturing four sectional championships; and

WHEREAS, Charles Bridge, Jr. also served as Frontier League Class D Chairman for 17 years, was on the Section III Basketball Committee for 17 years, started a youth basketball program for the Town of Sackets Harbor in 1992, began the Sackets Harbor Fast Break Shooting Camp in 2000, served as Assistant Coach at Jefferson Community College from 2006-2008, was involved for several years in Coaches vs. Cancer fundraisers, and founded the Sackets Harbor Booster Club; and

WHEREAS, Due to his stellar career, Charles Bridge, Jr. was the recip-

ient of numerous awards and accolades, some of which include being named Frontier League Coach of the Year nine times, Section III Coach of the Year in 2006, Frontier League Meritorious Service and Contributions Award in 2006, and Section III Basketball Hall of Fame in 2007; furthermore, he was honored by having the Sackets Harbor Basketball Court named the "Charles Bridge, Jr. Court" in 2007; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his coaching accomplishments and contributions, Charles Bridge, Jr. was a teacher in the Sackets Harbor community for 30 years, and also provided color commentary for several locally broadcast basketball games, and served as guest speaker at many local basketball camps; and

WHEREAS, Charles Bridge, Jr. has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of Sackets Harbor, New York, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 commend Charles Bridge, Jr. upon the occasion of his induction into the Basketball Coaches Association of New York Hall of Fame on March 13, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Charles Bridge, Jr.