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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Gregg Knight upon the occasion of his induction into the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association 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 Gregg Knight of Merrick, New York, upon the occasion of his induction into the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association Hall of Fame in December of 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association (ENYYSA) exists to promote and enhance the game of soccer for the youth of Eastern New York, and to encourage the healthy development of youth players, coaches and administrators; and

WHEREAS, All levels of soccer are offered for the recreational player who is out to enjoy the game and just have fun, the club or travel team player who enjoys the spirit of competition, and the premier player who is looking to play at the highest levels; and

WHEREAS, ENYYSA is comprised of more than 120,000 players and more than 25,000 volunteers; members are affiliated with 10 leagues throughout the association, which covers the entire state of New York east of Route 81; and

WHEREAS, While ENYYSA member leagues administer their own local programs, the leagues also take advantage of the assistance provided by this vital association to develop and educate their coaches and players, to provide insurance coverage for their participants, and for administrative assistance; and

WHEREAS, ENYYSA is responsible for several programs including its annual State Cup competitions to decide the state champion teams within each competitive soccer age group; the winners of the Cup competition tournament go on to compete at the Regional competition and eventually to the United States Youth Soccer National Championships; and

WHEREAS, In addition, ENYYSA administers the state association's Olympic Development Program where potential National Team members and Olympic hopefuls can be identified and developed to their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, With a strong commitment to coaching, player and referee development, ENYYSA also offers several coaching, player and referee clinics throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Athletes such as Gregg Knight 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, Gregg Knight has been a true inspiration to the youth of the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association, as well as to the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Gregg Knight upon the occasion of his induction into the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gregg Knight.