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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating John Sileno, Class of 1966, upon the occasion of his induction into the 2015 SUNY Orange Colt 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 John Sileno, Class of 1966, upon the occasion of his induction into the 2015 SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame, which was celebrated at a ceremony held on Saturday, November 7, 2015, at Kuhl's Highland House, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, The SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes those distinguished individuals, who, through outstanding achievement in athletics or service, have made lasting contributions to its sports program and the overall community; and

WHEREAS, A 1966 graduate of SUNY Orange, John Sileno was a standout men's basketball player throughout the 1964-1965 and 1965-1966 seasons with the Colts; and

WHEREAS, During his playing career, John Sileno helped the SUNY Orange Colts reach the championship game of the Region XV Tournament in 1966; and

WHEREAS, A gifted basketball player, John Sileno averaged 27.8 points per game, 17.2 rebounds per game and 10.2 assists per game in his first season; he was also named the 1965 Region XV Tournament Most Valuable Player and was an honorable mention All-America selection despite playing just nine games; and

WHEREAS, In addition, John Sileno led all of Region XV in assists, and

scored 37 points against Queensboro on February 21, 1965; and

WHEREAS, In his last season, John Sileno appeared in 30 games, and was second on the team in scoring with 20.9 points per game; he also led the team in rebounding with 11.8 rebounds per game, and finished his SUNY Orange career with 902 points in 39 games and a 22.6 points per game average; and

WHEREAS, Athletes like John Sileno 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, John Sileno has clearly been an inspiration to the youth of SUNY Orange, as well as to the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and John Sileno has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of his school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate John Sileno, Class of 1966, upon the occasion of his induction into the 2015 SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Sileno.