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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Bob Dorsey upon the occasion of his designation as a 2016 Inductee into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction, on May 6, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to 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 Bob Dorsey upon the occasion of his designation as a 2016 Inductee into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction, to be celebrated at an Induction Ceremony on Friday, May 6, 2016, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction was established in 2012, by the Auburn Education Foundation to recognize, honor and celebrate graduates who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic, professional, or civic achievements and to inspire current students to pursue a path towards personal success; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular merit, Bob Dorsey, Auburn High Class of 1976, has continually demonstrated tremendous competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to both his community and his profession and consequently has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Bob Dorsey grew up in Auburn, New York, and played both ice hockey and soccer at Auburn High School; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating, Bob Dorsey earned his Bachelor's degree in Fine Art Painting from Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT); he furthered his education by obtaining his Master's degree in Illustration

from Syracuse University; and

WHEREAS, After receiving his degrees, Bob Dorsey became a staff illustrator at The American Greetings Card Co. and later at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation; in 1982, he began a successful freelance illustration business where he continues to work today; and

WHEREAS, Bob Dorsey's exceptional art work has appeared in numerous books, magazines and advertising campaigns; some of his well-known corporate clients include Coors Brewing Co., Pepsi, Time Inc., General Electric, Citibank, Eveready, and Trump International, as well as Fisher-Price; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Bob Dorsey works with several renowned publishing clients such as Disney Press, The National Wildlife Federation, and Scholastic Inc.; and

WHEREAS, A sports enthusiast, Bob Dorsey is best known for the numerous portraits that he has completed for the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, including Mickey Mantle, Roberto Clemente, Jackie Robinson and Willie Mays; he also created memorable sports paintings for Syracuse University including the centennial football poster and has completed a total of 224 portraits for the Greater Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Bob Dorsey accepted a full time teaching position at his alma mater, RIT and was promoted to Full Professor in 2011; throughout his tenure, he has served as the Illustration Program Chair for 14 years and taught for a semester in Dubrovnik, Croatia; and

WHEREAS, For his extraordinary illustrations, Bob Dorsey has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades such as an Award of Excellence from Beckett Sports Publications as well as from the American Publishing Corporation; his work has been seen in exhibitions throughout

the country including at the society of Illustrators Annual Exhibit in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Bob Dorsey lives in a century old house in Roches-

ter, New York, where he enjoys traveling, playing golf and staying active with a variety of physical activities; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his children, Molly, Emily and Brian, and his two grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Bob Dorsey upon the occasion of his designation as a 2016 Inductee into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction, on May 6, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bob Dorsey.