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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the dedication of the renovated baseball field at Christian Brothers Academy of Syracuse as the Tom "Coach" Dotterer Field

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those notable educators and athletic coaches within our midst who have served the youth of this great Empire State and distinguished themselves and their schools through outstanding commitment and exemplary athletic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the dedication of the renovated baseball field at Christian Brothers Academy as the Tom "Coach" Dotterer Field, which will take place on Sunday, May 15, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The renovated baseball field at Christian Brothers Academy (CBA) features improved drainage, upgraded field materials, structural dugouts, new bleachers along the first base line, an upgraded concession stand, a new backstop, and an outfield wind screen; in addition, a new bullpen and batting cage was funded through the Make-A-Wish Foundation of CNY in honor of CBA pitcher Jack Sheridan; and

WHEREAS, Tom Dotterer, a former standout high school and professional baseball player, and a 1953 graduate of CBA, has been the Head Baseball Coach at CBA for the past 36 years; and

WHEREAS, As Head Coach, Tom Dotterer has led the school's varsity baseball program to more than 10 consecutive division championships; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, under Coach Tom Dotterer's strong leadership, the CBA baseball team became the first team in the Onondaga League and the program's history to bring home a New York State title with an impressive season record of 21-3; in that same year, Tom Dotterer was named

All-CNY Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Tom Dotterer was also inducted into the Christian Brothers Academy Sports Hall of Fame in 2002 for his special coaching techniques and for his impressive overall record of more than 600 wins during his career to date; furthermore, the Syracuse Chiefs in conjunction with the United States Army Syracuse Recruiting Company named Tom Dotterer the US Army High School Baseball Coach of the Year in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Prior to becoming the Head Coach at CBA, Tom Dotterer was a professional baseball player in the Minor Leagues, who signed with the Cincinnati Reds organization in 1953; his 10-year professional career took him throughout the minor leagues all the way to Triple A, where he played for Jersey City and Toronto; and

WHEREAS, When Tom Dotterer decided to return home in 1962, he played baseball for his hometown Syracuse Chiefs and started coaching in the youth baseball leagues of Syracuse until he was recruited in 1980 to serve as the Head Coach at CBA, a position he has held ever since; and

WHEREAS, Tom Dotterer is a skilled and inspirational mentor, who is respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; he has earned the respect and admiration of the community, his peers, and the athletes he so ably coaches; and

WHEREAS, Coach Tom Dotterer has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence, which is a tradition at CBA in Syracuse; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his supportive family members, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, 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 commemorate the dedication of the renovated baseball field at Christian

Brothers Academy on May 15, 2016, in the name of Tom "Coach" Dotterer,
and to wish him continued success in coaching and in all of his future
endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Coach Tom Dotterer.