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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Jim Brown upon the occasion of his induction into the 2016 New York State Public High School Athletic 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 Jim Brown upon the occasion of his induction into the 2016 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame to be celebrated on Wednesday, July 27, 2016, at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino in Verona, New York; and

WHEREAS, Jim Brown attended Manhasset High School in Manhasset, New York, where he lettered in multiple sports, including football, basketball, track and field, lacrosse and baseball; and

WHEREAS, In 1952, Jim Brown won the Thorp Award for Most Outstanding Football Player in Nassau County and averaged 38 points per game for his school's basketball team; he also received two All-County honors in football and two Newsday All Scholastic Honors in basketball while also winning the Nassau County High Jump Championship and being named an All-Metropolitan Lacrosse League midfielder; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Manhasset High School in 1953, Jim Brown attended Syracuse University where he earned All-American honors in lacrosse and football and lettered in basketball and track and field; and

WHEREAS, In 1957, Jim Brown was drafted by the Cleveland Browns and became the NFL's Rookie of the Year that season; during his exceptional 9-year career, he was named to 9 Pro Bowl teams, won three Associated

Press MVP awards, was an eight-time rushing champion while also helping his team win an NFL Championship in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Widely considered the greatest running back in NFL history as well as the greatest collegiate athlete, this sporting legend was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1971 and the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1983; his number 32 jersey was also retired by the Cleveland Browns; and

WHEREAS, Athletes like Jim Brown 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, It is the practice 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 congratulate Jim Brown upon the occasion of his induction into the 2016 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jim Brown.