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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Robert Conklin upon the occasion of his induction into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding athletes who have distinguished themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Robert Conklin upon the occasion of his induction into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame, to be celebrated on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at Harts Hill Inn, Whitesboro, New York; and

WHEREAS, West Utica native Robert Conklin, affectionately known as Bob, enters the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame in the Pre-Modern Athlete category; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the Utica Free Academy football squads from 1951 to 1954, Bob Conklin was stellar; he was selected as the team's top man in both 1953 and 1954, and was named Captain of the team in his senior season; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, during that time, Bob Conklin was also an integral part of the school's track team where he was selected top man in 1954, the same year he secured the Section III Class A Discus Championship; and

WHEREAS, Bob Conklin went on to play football at Colgate University; he began as a member of the freshman team and then was named starting guard and linebacker as a sophomore, positions he would hold until his playing days were over; he was named Captain of the team in 1958; and

WHEREAS, A three-year letterman, Bob Conklin was named a UPI Honorable Mention All-American in 1958; he also lettered three times in track and

field at Colgate University and participated against Jim Brown in both football and track and field; and

WHEREAS, In 1962, Bob Conklin started the football program at Notre Dame High School in Utica, New York, where he coached until 1967; he also served as the school's track Coach from 1963 to 1968, and went on to coach football at Utica Free Academy from 1968 to 1976; and

WHEREAS, Bob Conklin spent his illustrious career teaching in the science department at both Notre Dame and Utica Free Academy where his steadfast and unwavering commitment to his athletes and students was always evident; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such outstanding athletic accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all members of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Robert Conklin upon the occasion of his induction into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert Conklin.