

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Peter Capone upon the occasion of his induction into the Upstate Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor Dr. Peter Capone upon the occasion of his induction into the Upstate Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Double Tree Hotel in East Syracuse, New York, on September 22, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Originally from Watertown as part of the extensive Capone wrestling family, Dr. Peter Capone also participated in soccer and track; in 1979 and 1980, he won two New York State Wrestling Championships, and was the Most Outstanding Wrestler in the 1979 Championships; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Peter Capone also placed 2nd at the FILA Elite World Championships in the Freestyle in 1980; he was selected as a High School All-American; and

WHEREAS, After high school, Dr. Peter Capone attended Hofstra University where he graduated with a degree in biology; while there, he was selected as a freshman All-American, and was a four-time finalist in the ECC conference tournament and two-time MOW; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Peter Capone is a two-time NCAA Division I Wrestling All-American placing 7th in 1983 and was runner-up in 1985; he also placed 4th in the AAU Senior National Championships, was a USWA Senior All-American and participated in multiple Empire State Games Championships; and

WHEREAS, After college, Dr. Peter Capone went on to Dental School at SUNY Buffalo; while there, he was a four-year wrestling grad assistant coach for the Bulls, and helped coach his brother Jim to place 3rd in the Division III nationals and 5th in Division II; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Peter Capone joined the Riverside Dental practice in Binghamton in 1990 and also coached Johnson City from 1990-2012; during his tenure, his teams won three New York State Team Championships: 1999, 2003, and 2006, 10 Section 4 Championships, 12 Class A Championships, and 14 STAC League Championships; his teams compiled a record of 241-69-2; and

WHEREAS, Having coached three National Champions, eight New York State Champions, 41 New York State Place Winners, 47 Section IV Champions, and five New York State Wildcards, one of Dr. Peter Capone's happiest coaching moments was coaching his son Peter to a New York State title in 2008; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Sue, and their children Peter and Emily, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Dr. Peter Capone for his extraordinary athletic and coaching accomplishments which are a tribute to his skill, dedication and commitment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations with praise and pride to honor Dr. Peter Capone upon the occasion of his induction into the Upstate Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Peter Capone.

