

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring West Genesee High School Lacrosse Coach Mike Messere upon the occasion of his induction into the National High School Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and recognize those dedicated individuals in our midst, who strive to enhance the quality of life within our communities, by providing exceptional leadership and guidance to our youth; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate Coach Mike Messere upon his induction into the National High School Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mike Messere is among four athletes, five high school coaches, two officials, one administrator, and one in the performing arts to be inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame on June 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, A native of Central New York, Coach Mike Messere played lacrosse for the West Genesee Wildcats and for Cortland State; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mike Messere has served as head coach of the West Genesee High School Boys Lacrosse Team for the past 37 years; and

WHEREAS, Since becoming West Genesee's Head Coach in 1976, Coach Mike Messere's teams have posted a record of 757-55, winning more games than any other high school or college lacrosse coach in history; and

WHEREAS, Coached by Messere, the West Genesee Wildcats have won 15 New York State Public High School Athletic Association championships, 29 Section III Titles, and have produced more than 50 scholastic All-Americans; and

WHEREAS, From 1981-1984, under the leadership of Coach Mike Messere, the West Genesee Wildcats established a national record of a 91-game consecutive winning streak; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his many years of coaching, Coach Mike Messere has had a strong influence on both the athletic and academic successes of his student athletes by helping them find the best higher education possible; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mike Messere has influenced thousands of players during his coaching tenure, including NCAA coaches John Desko of Syracuse University, Dan Sheehan of Le Moyne College, Jeff Tambroni of Cornell, and Steve Beville of Cortland State; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mike Messere has also received numerous accolades during his coaching tenure, including induction into the 1985 Cortland Hall of Fame, the 1992 Upstate New York Chapter Hall of Fame, the 1994 United States Lacrosse Hall of Fame, and the Post-Standard Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, Messere is part of the 2013 National High School Hall of Fame induction class that includes former Washington Redskins and Notre Dame quarterback Joe Theismann and NBA player Chauncey Billups of the Los Angeles Clippers; and

WHEREAS, West Genesee lacrosse is not only an excellent representation of the school district, but is also the pride and joy of the entire Camillus community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout Coach Mike Messere's life his friends, family, and former and present players have felt privileged to be part of his successes, and rejoice in this outstanding accomplishment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor and recognize Coach Mike Messere upon the occasion of his induction into the National High School Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Coach Mike Messere.