

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION paying tribute to the many accomplishments of the late Coach Peter Odrobina by dedicating the baseball field at John F. Kennedy High School in his memory

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those extraordinary individuals who made contributions to the success and progress of society in the course of their life's work; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to pay tribute to the many accomplishments of the late Coach Peter Odrobina by dedicating the baseball field at John F. Kennedy High School in his memory; and

WHEREAS, Peter Odrobina graduated from John F. Kennedy (JFK) High School in 1968; he would later return to JFK High School and become a health and physical education teacher as well as coach numerous sports, where he was affectionately called "Coach O" by his players; and

WHEREAS, While coaching many sports, Coach Peter Odrobina has an impressive legacy with the Varsity Baseball Team at JFK; his baseball coaching career, which ended in 2005, had a legacy many coaches would love to have; he had multiple teams that won division titles, along with several sectional finalists, and came one game away from the New York State championship in 1988, finishing as the runner-up; and

WHEREAS, However, athletic accomplishments always had a subordinate position to what "Coach O" always considered more important, and that was family; while he did care about success on the field, he cared about the success of all his players off the field as well; and

WHEREAS, Coach Peter Odrobina enjoyed a long career with the Town of Cheektowaga Recreation Department; he was loved by the town employees and his love for life and easy going nature were contagious, and all who were around him never wanted to leave; and

WHEREAS, After his passing on November 21, 2013, the baseball field at John F. Kennedy High School has been dedicated in Coach Peter Odrobina's memory, a sign of the lasting impact he had on all of those at JFK High School; and

WHEREAS, It was not his long white hair, his California surfer style, or his dislike for wearing neckties that attracted everybody to him; it was his compassion, love, easy-going nature, and care for his family, friends, students, and players that attracted people to him and made sure no one who met him will ever forget "Coach O"; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Coach Peter Odrobina's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the many accomplishments of the late Coach Peter Odrobina by dedicating the baseball field at John F. Kennedy High School in his memory; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Coach Peter Odrobina.