

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring William Batz upon the occasion of his induction into the Warwick Valley Boys Basketball Hall of Fame by the Warwick Valley Central School District

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 honor William Batz upon the occasion of his induction into the Warwick Valley Boys Basketball Hall of Fame by the Warwick Valley Central School District; the Warwick Valley High School Boys Basketball Program held their 5th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Friday, January 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, William Batz is a member of the Warwick Valley Boys Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2014; this outstanding athlete's efforts, commitment, and past accomplishments on the hardwood have helped shape the history of the Wildcats, Warwick Valley Boys Basketball Team; and

WHEREAS, A 1971 graduate of Warwick Valley High School, William Batz was a two-year starter and three-year varsity basketball player from 1968 to 1971, playing under Hall of Fame Coach Vito Magdelinskis; and

WHEREAS, The only junior to make the team, William Batz helped lead the 1969-70 basketball team to the Section IX play-offs; and

WHEREAS, During the 1970-71 season of his illustrious high school basketball tenure, William Batz averaged 16.8 points a game, and scored a career high of 32 points in a game against Seward High School; he was also selected as the Most Valuable Player of the team; and

WHEREAS, William Batz was one of the top defensive players in both the Orange County League and Section IX during his junior and senior seasons; and

WHEREAS, His most well-known basketball moments were a game against Port Jervis High School as he held Rich Saul, the Section IX leading scorer who averaged 32 points per game, to 7 points as he played him straight man-to-man defense, and his final high school game victory against perennial powerhouse John S. Burke High School in double overtime; and

WHEREAS, Athletes like William Batz 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, William Batz has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the Warwick Valley Central School District, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor William Batz upon the occasion of his induction into the Warwick Valley Boys Basketball Hall of Fame by the Warwick Valley Central School District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William Batz.