

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Melissa Oliphant upon the occasion of her induction into the 2013 Athletic Hall of Fame by the SS Seward Institute

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 congratulate Melissa Oliphant upon the occasion of her induction into the 2013 Athletic Hall of Fame by the SS Seward Institute, which was celebrated at a ceremony held at its Alumni and Veterans Fields during its Homecoming on October 19, 2013, in Florida, New York; and

WHEREAS, An important figure in the history of the SS Seward Institute Athletics Program, Melissa Oliphant, Class of 2006, is one of the youngest members of the Athletic Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Melissa Oliphant made the T-H RECORD First-Team in soccer, and was voted Seward's Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, During her illustrious high school basketball career, she was named Most Valuable Player, and made the All-Section team in her junior and senior years; she also helped lead her team to the Final Four in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Oliphant's auspicious honor of Seward's Most Valuable Player in softball was just the beginning of her numerous awards and achievements; in 2005, she was the New York State Sportswriters Class D softball Player of the Year, which led to her success of a fall athletic scholarship at Division One Florida A&M University; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation, Melissa Oliphant's college career had a quick start as she was named 2007 Rookie of the Year; in 2008, she was named Most Valuable Player in softball, and made the All-Conference All-Star Team; and

WHEREAS, A year later, Melissa Oliphant and her team were Conference Champs and went on to play in the Women's College World Series; and

WHEREAS, Her most well-known memory of her stellar college softball career was a no-hitter against Army; not only did she give up no hits or runs, she also went two for three and drove in two runs in the 6-0 victory; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her outstanding athletic ability, Melissa Oliphant also excelled academically, graduating Cum Laude; and

WHEREAS, Today, Melissa Oliphant is a physical education, health education, and kindergarten teacher at KC Writ Academy in Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Athletes such as Melissa Oliphant 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, Melissa Oliphant has clearly been an inspiration to the youth of the SS Seward Institute, as well as to the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for her impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of public education by providing their skills and talents to our students and our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Melissa Oliphant upon the occasion of her induction into

the 2013 Athletic Hall of Fame by the SS Seward Institute; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Melissa Oliphant.