

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Frank Dagele upon the occasion of his 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 Frank Dagele upon the occasion of his 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, Frank Dagele, Class of 1977, was a three-sport athlete who played two years of varsity soccer, three years of varsity basketball, and three years of varsity baseball; and

WHEREAS, Frank Dagele was an outstanding goal keeper in soccer, and also played offense, scoring goals and setting up his teammates; and

WHEREAS, A key contributor in baseball throughout his junior and senior years, Frank Dagele's most well-known baseball memory occurred during his sophomore year when he pitched a two-hit shutout against Jeff-Youngsville High School to clinch the Section 9 Class D Championship; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious high school basketball career, Frank Dagele improved each year, averaging 23 points per game in his senior year; that same year, he was named the Seward Basketball Most Valuable Player, Seward Athlete of the Year, and made the Orange County League All-Star Team; and

WHEREAS, From pitching star to farming czar, today, Frank Dagele's exceptional athletic skills are put to good use as he and his brothers own and operate the 550-acre Dagele Brothers Produce Farm; their customers include the Valley View Center in Goshen, New York, as well as other companies which supply produce to several local schools; and

WHEREAS, Athletes such as Frank Dagele 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, Frank Dagele 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 his 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 Frank Dagele upon the occasion of his 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 Frank Dagele.