

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Hermon R. Card upon the occasion of his induction into the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those notable teachers, coaches and officials within our midst, who serve the youth of this great Empire State, and who have distinguished themselves and their communities through their exemplary athletic achievements and their outstanding professional commitments; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor long-time baseball and soccer official, Hermon R. Card, upon his induction into the 2014 Hall of Fame Class of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, to be celebrated on July 30, 2014, at High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Public High School Athletic Association Inc. (NYSPHSAA) is a non-profit, educational service organization composed of public, parochial and private schools - dedicated to providing equitable and safe competition for New York's student athletes; and

WHEREAS, The NYSPHSAA serves as a central organization through which its member high schools cooperate to promote sportsmanlike conduct in all athletic contests, conduct appropriate athletic meets and tournaments, cooperate with the State Education Department in fostering educationally sound athletic programs, adopt rules for governing sports contests, and continually seek data to support rule changes leading to greater safety for high school athletes; and

WHEREAS, NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame inductees can be nominated by family, friends or community members and are selected through a two-level screening and selection committee process; nominations were endorsed by each inductee's member Section of the Association; and

WHEREAS, Being inducted into the 2014 Hall of Fame Class of the NYSPHSAA permanently recognizes Hermon Card for his long-time commitment and dedication to the students of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Hermon Card, a graduate of Maine-Endwell High School, attended Syracuse University from 1964--1968, during which he played third base for the Syracuse University Varsity Baseball Team; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after graduating from Syracuse University, Hermon Card embarked on a successful career in officiating sporting events in the greater Syracuse area; and

WHEREAS, For 48 years, Hermon Card served as a dedicated and highly respected high school baseball and soccer official in the Central New York community; and

WHEREAS, Over his impressive tenure as a baseball umpire, Hermon Card officiated more than 1,300 high school baseball games, including more than 200 NYSPHSAA postseason games; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Hermon Card served as President of his local officiating chapter for six years, and he has served as Rules Interpreter for the Onondaga County Umpiring Association for 26 years; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, Hermon Card was inducted into the Syracuse Baseball Umpires Hall of Fame, and in 2008, he was named a Graduate of Distinction by the Maine-Endwell Central School District; and

WHEREAS, Hermon Card also fulfilled a successful career in teaching, writing and photojournalism; he taught English in the Marcellus Central School District for 32 years, published three nationally-recognized books, and still serves as an education columnist for the Eagle Newspapers and as a consultant to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum; and

WHEREAS, Hermon Card has dedicated a lifetime of giving back to his

community and improving the quality of youth athletics; it is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Hermon R. Card upon the occasion of his induction into the 2014 Hall of Fame Class of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Hermon R. Card.