LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Tim Timmerman for 50 distinguished years as Coach of the Cardinals Little League Team in Arkport, New York, on May 7, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, to commend notable athletic coaches who serve the youth of this great Empire State and who have distinguished themselves through outstanding commitment and exemplary athletic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Tim Timmerman for 50 distinguished years as Coach of the Cardinals Little League Team; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious event was celebrated at the Tim Timmerman's Opening Day on Saturday, May 7, 2016, on the Fred Kemp Memorial Field, Arkport, New York; and

WHEREAS, As part of the ceremony, members of the current teams were called onto the field to be recognized and the last 60 to come out were former members of teams that Tim Timmerman had coached over the last five decades; the players came from Arkport and the surrounding areas, including many traveling from out-of-state, to honor this man who has given so much to the kids in Arkport and baseball as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Along with the stirring processional, Tim Timmerman was presented with many gifts from his adoring players, making him feel like the richest person in Arkport; and

WHEREAS, At a young age, Tim Timmerman loved to play baseball with his father; his love for the game continued when he played on the Arkport Central School Baseball Team, under Coach Frank Rose; and

WHEREAS, In 1966, Little League Baseball was established in Arkport, and Tim Timmerman was chosen to coach a team, which he named the Cardinals; 50 years later, he is still coaching the boys and assisting them in developing the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork and physical well-being; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unremitting commitment to Arkport Little League, Tim Timmerman was named the 2016 Sportsperson of the Year at the 43rd Annual Hornell Sports Night Awards Dinner; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the last 50 years, Tim Timmerman has faithfully devoted his purposeful energy to fostering opportunities for and to contributing to the quality of life for the youth of the communities he serves; and

WHEREAS, Tim Timmerman's positive demeanor, selfless commitment, and caring concern have contributed to his enduring success as a coach and mentor, earning him the just respect and admiration of his community, his peers, and the athletes he has so ably coached; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Tim Timmerman for 50 distinguished years as Coach of the Cardinals Little League Team in Arkport, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tim Timmerman.