

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**HONORING** Mike Damsky upon the occasion of his  
induction into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding athletes and coaches who have distinguished themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mike Damsky upon the occasion of his induction into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame, to be celebrated on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at Daniele's Banquet Facility, New Hartford, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Entering the Hall of Fame in the Pre-Modern Athlete, Modern Athlete and Sports Executive, Sports Official, or Sports Administrator categories, Mike Damsky was a founding member of the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame in 1990; and

**WHEREAS,** An accomplished basketball player since 1949, when he began his high school career at Utica Free Academy, Mike Damsky continues to lace up his sneakers to participate in Senior Games in the 80 plus category; and

**WHEREAS,** Mike Damsky has been a part of dozens of title-winning semi-professional teams spanning from his first appearance with a team out of Columbus, Ohio in 1955, to several teams in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s in the MUNY, Tri-Hospital, and Senior Leagues; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1983, Mike Damsky took his basketball prowess to another level, earning several titles, medals and much acclaim as a member of the Utica Olympics; he was also an accomplished member of the Utica Free Academy Swim Team, the Senior Rowing (Crew) teams, and competitively played tennis in local tournaments throughout the 1970s and 1980s; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such outstanding athletic accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all members of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mike Damsky upon the occasion of his induction into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mike Damsky.