

BY: Senator BONACIC

CONGRATULATING Matt Dillon upon the occasion of his induction into the SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame on November 12, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding athletes 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 congratulate Matt Dillon upon the occasion of his induction into the SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame; this momentous occasion was celebrated on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at Kuhl's Highland House, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Matt Dillon is a 1987 graduate of SUNY Orange, where he distinguished himself by his many notable achievements; he played basketball, baseball and soccer, but excelled on the hardwood; and

WHEREAS, Known as a tough and competitive player, Matt Dillon scored 1,000 points during his illustrious college career; as a freshman he led the nation with 17.6 rebounds a game, and during his sophomore year he averaged 21.9 points and 9.8 rebounds a game; and

WHEREAS, Matt Dillon continued playing his junior and senior seasons at Bridgeport University in Connecticut; he later returned to SUNY Orange as an assistant coach in 1997, and worked his way up the coaching ranks, spending time at East Stroudsburg, Bridgeport and Post University; and

WHEREAS, After earning an assistant position at Niagara University in 2002, Matt Dillon was instrumental in the school reaching the NCAA tournament in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Athletes such as Matt Dillon 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, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Matt Dillon for his extraordinary athletic accomplishments which are a tribute to his skill, dedication and commitment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Matt Dillon upon the occasion of his induction into the SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame on November 12, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Matt Dillon.