

BY: Senator PALUMBO

COMMENDING Ralph Macchio upon the occasion of being inducted into the Suffolk Sports Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals 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 commend Ralph Macchio upon the occasion of being inducted into the Suffolk Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Every year, the Suffolk Sports Hall of Fame publicly commends the pursuit of athletic excellence, recognizes those who have excelled, and strives to preserve Suffolk County's rich athletic heritage; Ralph Macchio is truly deserving of this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, A long-time resident of Miller Place, New York, Ralph Macchio is being recognized for his role as a culturally significant icon for his work in promoting the benefits of the martial arts through the "Karate Kid" movies and the Netflix series, "Cobra Kai"; and

WHEREAS, Ralph George Macchio Jr. was born to Rosalie (DeSantis) and Ralph George Macchio on November 4, 1961, in Huntington, New York, and graduated from the Half Hollow Hills Central School District; and

WHEREAS, After being discovered by a talent agent at the age of 16, Ralph Macchio was cast as Daniel LaRusso, a bullied high school student who learned karate from his friend and mentor, Mr. Miyagi, in the 1984 film, "The Karate Kid,"; the movie was a huge hit and Ralph Macchio became a household name and served as a hero for the perpetual underdog; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Macchio went on to star in two sequels, "The Karate Kid Part II" and "The Karate Kid Part III," along with many other movies, television shows and plays; and

WHEREAS, In 2018, Ralph Macchio reprised his role as Daniel LaRusso in "Cobra Kai", an action comedy-drama Netflix series, in which he also serves as co-executive producer; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife the former Phyllis Fierro and their two children, Julia and Daniel, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Macchio has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of his Suffolk community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such outstanding 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 commend Ralph Macchio upon the occasion of being inducted into the Suffolk Sports Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ralph Macchio.