

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Randy J. Williams upon the occasion of
being inducted into the Rome Sports Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 honor Randy J. Williams upon the occasion of being inducted into the Rome Sports Hall of Fame, to be celebrated at a Ceremony on Sunday, August 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Every year, the Rome Sports Hall of Fame publicly commends the pursuit of athletic excellence, recognizes those who have excelled, and strives to preserve Rome's rich athletic heritage; Randy J. Williams is truly deserving of this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, Randy J. Williams grew up in the Town of Lee in Oneida County where he loved to play backyard sports with his friends; later, he played soccer and American Legion baseball, and was a standout basketball player at Rome Free Academy; he was an All-Time, All-Star defender, and in 1974, he was the recipient of the Black R Award for both soccer and baseball; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Randy developed the Williams' Strategy: "The key to the game (and any game for that matter) is DEFENSE. If the other team doesn't score, you can't lose"; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating, Randy J. Williams became a two-sport scholar athlete at Hamilton College, excelling at soccer and football; he participated in the punt, pass and kick competition, kicked for the football team, and became a low handicap golfer; and

WHEREAS, After college, Randy J. Williams earned his law degree and moved with his future wife to Indiana, where he coached elite youth soccer for more than 15 years; his teams won two state championships, 13 league titles and eight tournaments; along the way, he also coached his two children to All-State honors; and

WHEREAS, Today, Randy J. Williams serves as a Superior Court Judge for Tippecanoe County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Randy J. Williams has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of his Rome community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such outstanding athletic 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 honor Randy J. Williams upon the occasion of being inducted into the Rome Sports Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Randy J. Williams.