

BY: Senator WALCZYK

HONORING Lambert Will posthumously upon the occasion of being inducted into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame on April 21, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding athletes who have distinguished themselves through their historical contribution to the sport, 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 Lambert Will posthumously upon the occasion of being inducted into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame on Sunday, April 21, 2024 in Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, The founder of basketball in 1891, Lambert Will is deservedly being inducted into the Class of 2024 for the Basketball Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Lambert Will resided in Herkimer, New York and was determined to be the founder of basketball after years of research by Scott Flansburg due to the myths surrounding basketball's founding; and

WHEREAS, As a testament of his contribution to the sport, Lambert Will was also nominated for inducted into Springfield in the Class of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Highlighting his vision and dream, Lambert Will's induction puts an end to speculation surrounding the origins of the sport of basketball and corrects the historical record; and

WHEREAS, Upstate New York will now be recognized as the birthplace of basketball, alongside baseball, and for its contributions to these sports; 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 Lambert Will posthumously upon the occasion of being inducted into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame on April 21, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Lambert Will.