

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Paul Amoroso upon the occasion of winning a Gold Medal in Bocce at the 2022 Special Olympic USA Games

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay just tribute to those citizens who embody the true American spirit, demonstrating personal courage and conviction in pursuit of athletic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Paul Amoroso upon the occasion of winning a Gold Medal in Bocce at the 2022 Special Olympic USA Games which were held June 5-12, 2022, at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Local Olympian Paul Amoroso, 48, returned home a champion of the Bocce Ball section of the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games which featured a wide variety of more than 300 athletes, including those from the islands, competing in Bocce singles, doubles and unified competitions; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Rome, New York, Paul Amoroso captured a bronze medal in singles, a gold medal in doubles, and a bronze medal in the team event; and

WHEREAS, Paul Amoroso has experience with bocce at a high level, competing in the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Ireland in 2003; and

WHEREAS, In addition to Bocce, Paul Amoroso enjoys golfing, swimming, track and field, and bowling; in the past he has also participated in equestrian, cross country skiing and basketball; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by Paul Amoroso is due in great part to the efforts of his coaches, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, A determined, strong and dedicated athlete, Paul Amoroso's drive to work, learn and improve his skills no matter what are truly unmatched; and

WHEREAS, Through sports, Paul Amoroso developed the talent and confidence to become a national champion; and

WHEREAS, Overcoming much adversity, Paul Amoroso's positive attitude and tireless dedication has inspired countless others to reach their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and

applaud the achievements of its citizens who would elect to challenge life with an uncommon spirit and determination, demonstrating by example and purposeful action that commitment to personal goals is the wellspring of self-fulfillment and triumph; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Paul Amoroso upon the occasion of winning a Gold Medal in Bocce at the 2022 Special Olympic USA Games; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paul Amoroso.