

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Armand Farina for his extraordinary athletic achievements upon the occasion of his induction into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding athletes who distinguish themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor Armand Farina for his extraordinary athletic achievements upon the occasion of his induction into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Annual Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner, to be held on Monday, September 12, 2011, at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 1998 to honor those individuals who have made significant contributions to the history and tradition of sports in the Schenectady City School District; and

WHEREAS, Armand Farina attended Nott Terrace High School in the 1930s and led its golf team to unbeaten seasons in 1935 and 1936, as Nott Terrace won the District Championship in both 1935 and 1936; he was the medalist in the 1935 District Interscholastic Championship; and

WHEREAS, After high school, Armand Farina became a golf professional and was the head professional at both Western Turnpike and at Shaker Ridge golf courses; and

WHEREAS, After serving in the United States Army during World War II, Armand Farina was the golf professional and course superintendent at Schenectady Municipal golf course from 1945 to 1966; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Armand Farina played on the National PGA Tour against golfing legends Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, Byron Nelson and Jimmy Demeret; he had an outstanding record on tour, including finishing tied for fourth in the San Francisco Open, winning his first round match in the 1948 PGA Championship, and finishing "in the money" in several tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Armand Farina played in several major tournaments on the PGA Tour, including the 1946, 1948 and 1957 PGA Championships, as well as in the 1953 United States Open; and

WHEREAS, A five time winner of the Northeastern New York PGA Championship, Armand Farina also won the Woodstock Open six times; and

WHEREAS, Armand Farina also designed the Van Patten golf course in Clifton Park, New York, and became its golf professional; and

WHEREAS, Considered to have the perfect golf swing by SCHENECTADY GAZETTE golf writer, Lou Torre, Armand Farina was inducted into the District PGA Hall of Fame in 1982; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Armand Farina; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Armand Farina 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 with praise and pride to honor Armand Farina for his extraordinary athletic achievements upon the occasion of his induction into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Armand Farina.