

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. Met, the New York Mets iconic mascot, upon the occasion of being rated No. 1 in Major League Baseball

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those who excel in bringing cheer to baseball fans, young and old alike, distinguishing themselves through notable achievements and representing the great Empire State with pride and determination; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Mr. Met, the New York Mets iconic mascot, upon the occasion of being rated No. 1 in Major League Baseball; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Met is the official mascot of Major League Baseball's New York Mets; he is a man with a large baseball for a head and can be seen at Citi Field during Mets home games; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Met has appeared in several commercials as part of ESPN's "This is SportsCenter" campaign, and has been elected into the Mascot Hall of Fame; on April 30, 2012, FORBES magazine listed Mr. Met as the No. 1 mascot; he was chosen as the nation's No. 1 sports mascot based on his likeability, familiarity and several other factors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Met was first introduced on the cover of game programs, yearbooks, and on scorecards in 1963, when the Mets were still playing at the Polo Grounds in northern Manhattan; when the Mets moved to Shea Stadium in 1964, fans were introduced to a live costumed version; Mr. Met is believed to have been the first mascot in Major League Baseball to exist in human form; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Met has become the true symbol for mascots in Major League Baseball; his legacy stands as a sterling example for all mascots in professional and collegiate athletics; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Mr. Met, the New York Mets iconic mascot, upon the occasion of being rated No. 1 in Major League Baseball; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York Mets Baseball organization.