

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John Carson Cunningham upon the occasion of his induction into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame on June 8, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 John Carson Cunningham upon the occasion of his induction into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame, to be celebrated on Sunday, June 8, 2014, at the Radisson Hotel-Utica Centre, Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, A 1975 graduate of New Hartford High School, John Carson Cunningham has been a part of New Hartford athletics for more than 40 years; he graduated from Herkimer County Community College in 1977 with an Associate's degree in Physical Education, and continued on to receive his Bachelor's degree in Physical Education from SUNY Cortland in 1979; and

WHEREAS, John Carson Cunningham served as Assistant Coach for the New Hartford Central School District's Varsity Hockey Team from 1979 until 1990, as well as the team's Head Coach from 1990 to 2014; and

WHEREAS, During his 25 year tenure as Head Coach of the New Hartford High School Hockey Team, he was instrumental in clinching 11 League Titles, seven Sectional Titles, and three State Titles, as well as 335 wins, 193 losses, and 28 ties; and

WHEREAS, John Carson Cunningham served on the Section III Ice Hockey Committee for 25 years, 10 of which he was the Section III Hockey Chairman; in addition, he served on the New York State Ice Hockey Committee for 28 years, 27 of which he was the Site Chairman, NYSPHS Championships in Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, With a passion for athletics, John Carson Cunningham has also served New Hartford Central School District as its Girls Gymnastics Assistant Coach, Modified Track Head Coach, Modified Football Assistant Coach, and Modified Baseball Head Coach; and

WHEREAS, John Carson Cunningham has coached the Girls Varsity Softball Team since 1983; during this time his teams have captured 12 League Titles, six Sectional Titles, and one New York State Regional Title, as well as 436 wins, 231 losses and one tie; and

WHEREAS, While coaching Girls Varsity Softball, John Carson Cunningham also served for five years as League Chairman for the Central Oneida League, and 15 years as League Chairman for the Tri-Valley League; and

WHEREAS, John Carson Cunningham is the proud recipient of the 2009 Section III Service Award, as well as the 2009 and 2010 New York State High School Hockey Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Lynette, and their three children, Carson, Kacie and Kyle, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and 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 John Carson Cunningham upon the occasion of his induction into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame on June 8, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Carson Cunningham.