

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Jack F. Charney upon the occasion of
being inducted into the Rome Sports Hall of Fame on
July 28, 2019

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 Jack F. Charney upon the occasion of being inducted into the Rome Sports Hall of Fame; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Sunday, July 28, 2019, with a Ceremony at the Hall, followed by a Banquet at Vernon Downs Casino Hotel in Vernon, New York; and

WHEREAS, Every year, the Rome Sports Hall of Fame publicly commends the pursuit of athletic excellence, recognizes those who have excelled, and strives to preserve Rome's rich athletic heritage; Jack F. Charney is truly deserving of this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, Jack F. Charney was born to Vera (Sargent) and Dr. Herman Charney in Greeley, Colorado, in 1942; after the sudden death of his father, he and his mother moved to Rome, New York, where he attended Rome Free Academy; and

WHEREAS, A talented athlete, Jack F. Charney was a hurdler, sprinter, long jumper, and a relay team member for the track team, and served as the co-Captain of his school's undefeated 1959 league championship football team as both a defensive back and a running back; he also held the title of President of the Block R Club; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating, Jack F. Charney played three years of varsity football for Springfield College; after earning his degree, he became the assistant football and track coach at Pulaski High in New Britain, Connecticut, posting a 24-4 record over his four years there; and

WHEREAS, During the next more than 30 years, Jack F. Charney coached at colleges mostly in New England including one year as the freshman coach at his alma mater when he went back to receive his master's degree in physical education; and

WHEREAS, Jack F. Charney then coached for Norwich University, followed by American International College, Brown University, Dean College, and Nichols College; throughout his esteemed coaching career, he produced a winning record of 147-93-2, and lived by his mantra, "Surround yourself with good people and always strive for success. Play to win the game. Otherwise, why keep score?"; and

WHEREAS, Jack F. Charney has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of his Rome community; 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 Jack F. Charney upon the occasion of being inducted into the Rome Sports Hall of Fame on July 28, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jack F. Charney.