

**BY:** M. of A. Buttenschon

**HONORING** Shari McNamara Gerevics upon the occasion of her induction into the Rome Sports Hall of Fame on July 27, 2025

**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 Shari McNamara Gerevics upon the occasion of her induction into the Rome Sports Hall of Fame, to be celebrated on July 27, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** Few athletes in Rome's history have displayed the level of dominance, discipline, and determination shown by Shari McNamara during her remarkable high school and collegiate softball careers; and

**WHEREAS,** As a star pitcher for the Rome Catholic High School Girls Softball Team, Shari McNamara Gerevics compiled an extraordinary record, throwing 12 no-hitters-including four perfect games-over three varsity seasons; she led her team to the Section III Championship in 2000 and runner-up finishes in the two preceding years; and

**WHEREAS,** A threat at the plate as well, Shari McNamara Gerevics posted outstanding batting averages of .463, .429, and .417 during her high school career, earning Center State Conference All-Star honors in each of her three seasons and being named League MVP and First-Team All-State in her senior year; and

**WHEREAS,** A model scholar-athlete, Shari McNamara Gerevics also received conference academic honors for three consecutive years, demonstrating excellence in both athletics and academics; and

**WHEREAS,** Former Rome Catholic High Coach Perry Novak praised Shari McNamara Gerevics as "the hardest-working, most outstanding softball player I coached or saw in my 10 years at the varsity level," lauding not only her skill but her brilliant mind, team spirit, and exceptional sportsmanship; and

**WHEREAS,** Shari McNamara Gerevics continued to excel at the collegiate level, competing for the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), where she was twice named Empire 8 Player of the Year and left an indelible mark on the program by setting numerous school records, including most career wins (55), shutouts (22), and strikeouts (515); and

**WHEREAS,** Alongside her athletic achievements, Shari McNamara Gerevics earned degrees in electrical engineering and imaging science, exemplifying the qualities of a true student-athlete dedicated to

personal and academic growth; and

**WHEREAS,** In recognition of her extraordinary collegiate career, RIT inducted Shari McNamara Gerevics into its Sports Hall of Fame in 2013, cementing her legacy as one of the institution's greatest athletes; and

**WHEREAS,** Shari McNamara Gerevics stands as an inspiring role model for young athletes, exemplifying what can be achieved through hard work, integrity, and perseverance, and her induction into the Rome Sports Hall of Fame is a fitting tribute to her contributions to athletics and to the Rome community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Shari McNamara Gerevics upon the occasion of her induction into the Rome Sports Hall of Fame on July 27, 2025, and to commend her for her athletic excellence, academic achievements, and enduring impact; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Shari McNamara Gerevics.