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A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATORS HOLT & PEOPLES

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR DEMOLITION OF ALL HIGH STADIUM AND
IMPROVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CITY SCHOOL ATHLETES**

WHEREAS, All High Stadium, the facility currently used by Buffalo school athletes for football games and track and field meets, has been in a very dilapidated condition for many years, and

WHEREAS, the facility currently has nonfunctional rest rooms, crumbling bleachers and stands, and has a decaying primary structure, and

WHEREAS, demolition of this 85-year old facility and use of a significantly more modern facility such as the Johnnie B. Wiley Stadium for league games could potentially grant City schools entrance into the Section VI Federation, and

WHEREAS, City schools, which already pay dues to the Section VI Federation, do not compete in Section VI football games, track & field competitions or girls swimming, tennis and soccer matches, and

WHEREAS, entrance into this highly visible athletic federation could spur the creation of junior varsity teams and offer better scholarship opportunities to talented City athletes, and

WHEREAS, it is in the interests of the residents of this region to enhance such opportunities to city student athletes, as the development of their athletic skills and their ability to gain optimum exposure through participation in Section VI sporting events may increase their chances of obtaining an athletic scholarship to attend college, effectively trading their athletic abilities for a college education at what could be a significantly reduced cost,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby support improving educational standards and recreational opportunities for athletes in City of Buffalo schools, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body does hereby support the demolition of All High Stadium in the city of Buffalo toward the eventual goal of increasing city athletes' exposure within the region and enhancing opportunities for student athletes in the city of Buffalo, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body does hereby request that a future meeting of the Legislature's Government Affairs Committee be scheduled at All High Stadium, with invitations extended to federal, state, county and city governmental and school officials to participate in a tour, thereby personally witnessing the dilapidated conditions of this facility, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body does further call for a subsequent meeting with the same officials and government representatives to discuss the options for moving forward with demolition and toward an overall goal of improving the future of athletics for students in the City of Buffalo, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Buffalo Mayor Anthony Masiello, Buffalo Common Council President James Pitts, University District Councilman Kevin Helfer, Buffalo Community Development Commissioner Joseph Ryan, Buffalo School Superintendent Dr. James Harris, Buffalo School Board President Helene Kramer, Buffalo School Board member Dr. James Williams, County Executive Dennis Gorski, County Environment and Planning Commissioner Richard Tobe, County Public Works Commissioner John Loffredo, State Assemblyman Arthur O. Eve, State Senator William T. Stachowski, Congressman Jack Quinn, and United States Senators Daniel P. Moynihan and Charles E. Schumer.

GEORGE A. HOLT, JR.

CRYSTAL D. PEOPLES

Fiscal Impact: None for Resolution.