

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY ECLEG APR04'14 ml 9-53

BUFFALO, N.Y., APRIL 10TH, 2014, A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 10th day of April, 2014, A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, Ronnie A. Hoeltke is a lifelong resident of the Town of Tonawanda where he is known as "The Number One New York Yankees Fan", is the husband of Maggie, proud father of Jeremy and Todd, and stepfather of Kelly and Bobby; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie A. Hoeltke retired in 2008 after 34 years from Certo Brothers Distributing, where he held many positions including salesman, warehouse manager and driver, and worked part time at the Boys and Girls Club, Franklin Street Unit as programs director, and maintenance and grounds keeper until 2011; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie A. Hoeltke has been involved in youth sports as both a coach and an executer for over 30 years coaching his first youth baseball team at the age of 20 when he entered a group of neighborhood kids into the Town of Tonawanda Recreation Department league and has stayed involved in youth sports, coaching and umpiring girls' softball and boys' baseball; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie A. Hoeltke became involved in Tonawanda American Little League, evolving from coaching to being elected to the Board of Directors and serving as president of the league for three years in the early 1990s, where he was regarded as one of the best presidents ever; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie A. Hoeltke helped form the challenger baseball division in 1990 for children with mental or physical disabilities, beginning with about 20 players and still going strong with over 100 children and young adults and in 2000 moved the program to the Boys and Girls Club on Franklin Street in the City of Tonawanda, where it has grown to include not only baseball, but also soccer, basketball, floor hockey and social events and now runs year round, and goes by the name Challenged Athletes Participating in Sports (CAPS), Inc; and

WEHREAS, Ronnie A. Hoeltke has been presented with the Boys and Girls Club Volunteer of the Year Award in 2013 and is being added to the Franklin Street Boys and Girls Club Wall of Fame this year; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie A. Hoeltke's love for and devotion to children of all abilities has made Erie County a better place to live and raise a family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and honor **Ronnie A. Hoeltke** as the Erie County Legislature's April 2014 Citizen of the Month and for his devotion, dedication and hard work to make youth sports in Tonawanda what it is today.

Kevin R. Hardwick
Erie County Legislator – 4th District

Scott W. Kroll
Clerk of the Legislature