

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Coach Ken Benton upon the occasion of his retirement as the Wrestling Coach at Amsterdam High School after 21 years of distinguished service

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend notable athletic coaches who serve the youth of this great Empire State and who have distinguished themselves and their schools through outstanding commitment and exemplary athletic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concerns, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Coach Ken Benton upon the occasion of his retirement as the Wrestling Coach at Amsterdam High School after 21 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion was celebrated at a surprise ceremony prior to the team's final home match on Thursday, January 9, 2014, where Ken Benton was honored by his fellow coaches, the Greater Amsterdam School District, and several Amsterdam wrestling alumni, including his daughter Nicole and son Brian, both of whom wrestled on his team while in high school; and

WHEREAS, Amsterdam High School's wrestling coach, Ken Benton is retiring at the end of this season following more than two decades as head coach; and

WHEREAS, With his unrelenting commitment to excellence, Ken Benton has earned the just respect and admiration of his community, his peers and the outstanding athletes he has so ably coached; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Ken Benton, the Amsterdam High School Wrestling Team has had its share of glory, including more than 300 dual meet wins, nine consecutive Big 10 Titles, and numerous Section II Titles; and

WHEREAS, Ken Benton has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth at Amsterdam High School, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, Ken Benton's positive demeanor, selfless commitment, and caring concern have contributed to his enduring success as a coach and mentor; 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 the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Ken Benton and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Coach Ken Benton upon the occasion of his retirement as the Wrestling Coach at Amsterdam High School after 21 years of distinguished service, and for his significant contributions to the uplift of youth in New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Coach Ken Benton.