

BY: Senator BONACIC

CONGRATULATING Warwick Valley Boys Basketball Head Coach Thomas Folino upon the occasion of his retirement after 27 distinguished years in coaching

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, 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 concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Warwick Valley Boys Basketball Head Coach Thomas Folino upon the occasion of his retirement after 27 distinguished years in coaching; and

WHEREAS, After congratulating the Wildcats for winning the Section 9 Class AA Sportsmanship Award during a meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2017, Head Coach Thomas Folino broke the news to his team that he was stepping down after 27 years of service to Warwick Valley High School; he felt that it was time for somebody else to come in and take over, and time for him to do something different; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Folino completed his second 10-year tenure as Head Coach with an 8-12 record and a team full of promise; and

WHEREAS, The Warwick Boys Basketball Team qualified for sectionals with 10 wins in Thomas Folino's first season in 1984-1985; one of his fondest memories is a game against Minisink Valley during the 2011-2012 season when a player hit a game-tying 3-pointer near the end of regulation and blocked a shot in overtime for the win; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Folino also enjoyed coaching his son Thomas, Jr. during the 2009-2010 season to a 12-9 record; and

WHEREAS, During his final season, Head Coach Thomas Folino was the recipient of the distinguished Jim Taravella Award which honors a basketball coach who displays the same qualities, including dedication, compassion and sportsmanship, as the late Monroe-Woodbury Coach; and

WHEREAS, For almost three decades, Head Coach Thomas Folino has "bled purple and gold"; his loyalty to his team members is truly admirable; all who have had the privilege to work with him through the years have known him to be an honest and hard-working Coach who always made the needs and concerns of his students his top priority; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Head Coach Thomas Folino has educated and touched the lives of many students during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Thomas Folino's positive demeanor, selfless

commitment, and caring concern have contributed to his enduring success as a coach and mentor, earning him the just respect and admiration of his community, his peers, and the athletes he has so ably coached; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations congratulate Warwick Valley Boys Basketball Head Coach Thomas Folino upon the occasion of his retirement after 27 distinguished years in coaching, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Head Coach Thomas Folino.