

BY: Senator BONACIC

COMMENDING Frederick Ahart upon the occasion of being named the Section 9 Athletic Administrator of the Year

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the distinguished educators and 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 achievements; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Frederick Ahart upon the occasion of being named the Section 9 Athletic Administrator of the Year, to be celebrated at a luncheon in Saratoga Springs, New York; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known to his athletes as Coach, Frederick Ahart also won this prestigious award in 1993; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Ithaca College, Frederick "Fred" Ahart began his 49-year career as the Athletic Director of Roscoe Central School; and

WHEREAS, Frederick Ahart has also made a vital impact throughout New York State's Section 9; he has been a vital member of the Section 9 Athletic Council since 1980, holding the position of President from 1994-1996; for over 40 years, he has been a participant of the Section 9 Basketball Committee, serving as co-Chair since 1996; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Frederick Ahart has been a member of the Section 9 Eligibility Committee for over three decades, and has been the Chairman since 2003; and

WHEREAS, Perhaps his most important title has been Coach of both the boys basketball and football teams; throughout his career, he has led the Blue Devils to numerous league and sectional titles; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unrelenting commitment to high school athletics, Coach Ahart was inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of New York (BCANY) Hall of Fame in 2009; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Becky, their five children, Maryanne, Katie, Michelle, Kelly and Ralph, and many grandchildren, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Frederick Ahart's enduring success as a coach and mentor has earned him the just respect and admiration of his community, his peers, and the athletes he has so ably coached; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to recognize Frederick Ahart for his extraordinary athletic and coaching accomplishments which are a tribute to his skill, dedication and commitment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations with praise and pride to commend Frederick Ahart upon the occasion of being named the Section 9 Athletic Administrator of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frederick Ahart.