

BY: Senator LITTLE

CONGRATULATING Coach Steve Kmack upon the occasion of his induction into the New York State Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame on March 25, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding athletes and coaches who have distinguished themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Coach Steve Kmack upon the occasion of his induction into the New York State Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame, to be celebrated at a Ceremony on Sunday, March 25, 2018, in Heritage Hall at the Glens Falls Civic Center in Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame honors the best coaches in the history of basketball in the State; Steve Kmack is truly deserving of this esteemed recognition; and

WHEREAS, As a young boy growing up in Tupper Lake, New York, Steve Kmack dreamed about becoming a basketball coach; he began his long and distinguished career as assistant for the SUNY Potsdam JV Men's Basketball Team; he later assumed the role of head coach where he amassed a 91-14 record including a perfect 21-0 campaign during the 1982-1983 season, and a 30-game winning streak; and

WHEREAS, Steve Kmack then served as the Head Coach of Potsdam High School from 1983-1988, 2000-2003, and from 2004-2013, leaving twice for personal reasons; Coach Kmack is widely regarded by his players as a passionate, dedicated and inspiring coach, guiding the Potsdam Sandstoners to an incredible overall record of 373-99 in 23 years; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable mentor also led his team to eight division championships, eight sectional titles, and four overall sectional championships; in 1985, the Sandstoners captured its first divisional title in 47 years, the next year, its first sectional title in 27 years, and its first overall sectional championship in 50 years in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Steve Kmack and his outstanding athletes also went to the final four three times, including a state championship final appearance in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Coach Kmack truly loves and cares about each and every one of his athletes, and has diligently worked to not only teach them basketball skills, but also, the values of good sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, Through his humor and passion, Steve Kmack has been an inspiration to basketball players, their families, and the community for many years, and accordingly merits recognition for his tremendous

passion and competitive spirit; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such outstanding athletic accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all members of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Coach Steve Kmack upon the occasion on his induction into the New York State Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Coach Steve Kmack.