

BY: Senator BONACIC

COMMENDING Luann McCarthy posthumously upon the occasion of her induction into the Port Jervis School District Alumni Hall of Fame on October 8, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, to commend notable 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 achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Luann McCarthy posthumously upon the occasion of her induction into the Port Jervis School District Alumni Hall of Fame, celebrated at the 8th Annual Port Jervis High School Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Banquet on Sunday, October 8, 2017, at Erie Trackside Manor in Port Jervis, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the Port Jervis School District Alumni Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have achieved personal success and have made a significant contribution to society, serving as role models to inspire current and future generations of Port Jervis students; a member of the Class of 1976, Luann McCarthy is truly deserving of this great honor; and

WHEREAS, Luann McCarthy earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from Indiana State University in 1982; eight years later, she obtained her Master of Science degree in Health Education from East Stroudsburg University; and

WHEREAS, Luann McCarthy began her long and distinguished career as both a coach and substitute teacher at Port Jervis School; in 1985, she was hired full-time as a physical education teacher at Anna S. Kuhl Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, Luann McCarthy transferred to Port Jervis High School where she taught physical education and coached various sports teams for 33 years; throughout her tenure, she served as coach of the modified girls' soccer, junior varsity volleyball, varsity volleyball, junior varsity girls' basketball, and varsity girls basketball; in 1999, she led the varsity girls basketball team to a conference title; and

WHEREAS, For 32 years, Luann McCarthy was the coach of the girls varsity tennis, and for 11 years, the coach of boys varsity tennis; Coach McCarthy enjoyed two championship seasons with the girls tennis team; and

WHEREAS, For her steadfast and unrelenting commitment to her student athletes, she was inducted into the Class of 2015 Port Jervis Coaches

Wall of Fame and was the recipient of a John MacKechnie Recognition Award from the PBA; in addition, the tennis courts at Church Street and the scorer's table at the high school were both named in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Luann McCarthy's positive demeanor, selfless commitment, and caring concern contributed to her enduring success as a coach and mentor, earning her the just respect and admiration of her community, her peers, and the athletes she so ably coached; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Luann McCarthy posthumously upon the occasion of her induction into the Port Jervis School District Alumni Hall of Fame on October 8, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Luann McCarthy.