

BY: Senator DEFRANCISCO

HONORING Westhill Girls Varsity Basketball Coach
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WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those notable educators and coaches within our midst, who serve the youth of this great Empire State, and who have distinguished themselves and their schools through their exemplary achievements and constant commitment to quality instruction; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize and honor Westhill Girls Varsity Basketball Coach Sue Ludwig upon the occasion of reaching 500 career wins; and

WHEREAS, Coach Sue Ludwig is in her 26th season as the head coach of the Westhill Girls Varsity Basketball Team; and

WHEREAS, On Wednesday, December 28, 2016, Coach Sue Ludwig earned her 500th career win with the Westhill Warriors' 58-56 victory over South Jefferson; following this game, Coach Sue Ludwig's impressive record was 500-89; and

WHEREAS, Coach Sue Ludwig is the first coach in Section III to reach the 500-win mark for girls basketball, and ninth on the state's all-time win lists for the sport; she has earned a 25-year average of 19.8 wins per season; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Coach Sue Ludwig cultivated a champion team that won the New York State Public High School Athletic Association's Class C title and finished the season with a perfect record of 28-0; she has also led her team to win nine Section III titles and 16 Onondaga High School League (OHSL) championship titles over her tenure; and

WHEREAS, Coach Sue Ludwig has received various recognitions for her coaching excellence; she was twice named the All-Central New York Coach of the Year and 11 times as the OHSL Liberty Conference Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Previously in 2011, Coach Sue Ludwig posted her 400th career victory at Westhill and was inducted into the Greater Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame for being an accomplished athlete, coach and mentor; and

WHEREAS, In addition to coaching, Sue Ludwig serves as a school psychologist in the Central Square School District, and runs various summer and winter girls basketball camps for grades 2 through 12, where she provides young players with skill instruction, scrimmages and relay races; she brings in an excellent staff which includes multiple former Division I women's basketball players; and

WHEREAS, Coach Sue Ludwig has long-standing fame in the Syracuse community since she was a stand-out basketball player at Syracuse University from 1984-1988, during which time she helped lead the Orange women's basketball team to the 1985 and 1988 NCAA Tournaments; and

WHEREAS, During her time at Syracuse University, Coach Sue Ludwig was also named first-team All-Big East her senior year, second-team All-Big East her junior year, and twice she took the Big East Player of the Week honors; she ended her career with 1,214 points, 520 assists and 254 steals; and

WHEREAS, Today, Coach Sue Ludwig continues to demonstrate a positive attitude and a goal-oriented and balanced approach to athletic instruction, on top of her genuine concern for her students and athletes; these attributes have contributed to her enduring success as a coach in the Westhill School District, earning her the just respect of her community and the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Westhill Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach Sue Ludwig upon the occasion of reaching 500 career wins; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Coach Sue Ludwig.