

BY: Senator RITCHIE

CONGRATULATING Katherine Stackel upon the occasion of being named a 2016 National Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those individuals of outstanding character within the State of New York who are dedicated to developing character and sportsmanship in our collegiate athletes; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Katherine Stackel upon the occasion of being named a 2016 National Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS); and

WHEREAS, Katherine Stackel was selected as one of just 22 National Coaches of the Year by the NFHS, which has been honoring coaches since 1982; and

WHEREAS, Every year, the NFHS selects the top boys and girls varsity coaches in 10 high school sports; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Stackel was the NFHS selection for Girls Soccer National Coach of the Year for her accomplishments during the 2015-16 school year; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Stackel has been a girls soccer coach for 29 years, beginning her career in 1988 as an Assistant Coach at Copenhagen High School, her alma mater; and

WHEREAS, She also served as Copenhagen Girls Varsity Soccer Coach for 12 years before moving to Carthage High School to serve as Head Coach of the boys soccer team for six years; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Katherine Stackel returned to Copenhagen to once again serve as the Varsity Girls Soccer Coach, subsequently leading the Copenhagen Golden Knights to the New York State Class D Championship in 2015, the program's first championship since 1993; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Katherine Stackel and her outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Stackel's positive demeanor, selfless commitment, and caring concern have contributed to her enduring success as a coach and mentor, earning her the respect and admiration of her community, her peers, and the athletes she has so ably coached; and

WHEREAS, With her unrelenting commitment to the Copenhagen High School Girls Soccer Team, Katherine Stackel justly deserves her selection as National Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Katherine Stackel upon the occasion of being named a 2016 National Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Katherine Stackel.