

Assembly Resolution No. 384

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HONORING Gary Broadhurst upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2018-2019 Junior/Community College Under Armour Athletics Director of the Year Award by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the student athletes they inspire; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the distinguished careers of those outstanding educational leaders, whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and athletic excellence in the young people of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gary Broadhurst upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2018-2019 Junior/Community College Under Armour Athletics Director of the Year Award by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics to be celebrated at its Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award recognizes the efforts of athletic directors for their commitment and administrative excellence within a campus and/or college community environment over the last year; Gary Broadhurst is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, In addition to this monumental commendation, Gary Broadhurst has been named to the newly formed National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Foundation Board of Directors; he is the only sitting athletic director selected to serve on the board; and

WHEREAS, Gary Broadhurst began his long and distinguished career with Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC) in 1979, as a Technical Assistant; he was promoted to the faculty ranks in 1988, before his appointment as Director of Athletics in 1996; throughout his tenure, he has served as Head Coach of men's and women's basketball, men's and women's bowling, softball, and golf programs; and

WHEREAS, Today, in his 40th year at MVCC, Gary Broadhurst directs one of the most extensive, diverse, and successful two-year intercollegiate athletic programs in the country; through his wisdom and guidance, the Hawks have captured 24 NJCAA National Championships while finishing second an additional 18 times, 68 Region III Championships with 58 runner-up finishes, and 124 Mountain Valley Conference Titles; and

WHEREAS, Under Gary Broadhurst's leadership, MVCC student athletes

have been selected as NJCAA All-Americans 448 times, 1,149 have been recognized as All-Region, and an astounding 160 have captured individual NJCAA National Championships; furthermore, six student athletes have been selected as National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) Scholar Athletes of the Year, more than any other institution in the nation, and 34 have been chosen as the SUNY Chancellor's Scholar Athlete of the Year; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work at MVCC, Gary Broadhurst represents Region III on the NJCAA Board of Regents, and has served as the Treasurer for the Mountain Valley Collegiate Conference since 1998; he is also actively involved in many national professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, For over 10 years, Gary Broadhurst held the titles of both the Men's and Women's Regional Director and Chair of the region's Executive Committee; he served as President of NATYCAA, and is the current Treasurer of the organization; he has also been a member of the Executive Committee of NACDA, the New York State SUNY Athletics Oversight Committee, SUNY Chancellor's Award Selection Committee, and the NJCAA Assessment and Excellence Strategic Planning Ad-Hoc Committee; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unrelenting commitment to his profession and his athletes, Gary Broadhurst has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the L. William Miller Award by the NATYCAA, Athletics Director of the Year Awards in 2007, 2012, and 2016 by the NACDA, the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service, and the inaugural Athletic Director of the Year Award by NJCAA Region III; and

WHEREAS, Gary Broadhurst's commitment to fostering the development of student athletes, not only in their sports, but as scholars and contributors to the community beyond Mohawk Valley Community College's campus proves he is a role model for all; and

WHEREAS, Athletic directors like Gary Broadhurst provide a tremendous service to the future of our state and nation, inspiring generations of young people in their athletic journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, Gary Broadhurst has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of Mohawk Valley Community College, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of college education by providing their skills and talents to our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Gary Broadhurst upon the occasion of being named 2018-2019 Junior/Community College Under Armour Athletics Director of the Year by

the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gary Broadhurst.