

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Mark Peavey upon the occasion of his retirement after 36 years as Head Coach of the Vernon-Verona-Sherill Wrestling Team

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the distinguished 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 achievements; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Mark Peavey upon the occasion of his retirement after 36 years as Head Coach of the Vernon-Verona-Sherill Wrestling Team; and

WHEREAS, In front of a large crowd of supporters and both current and former wrestlers, Mark Peavey celebrated his long and distinguished coaching career with the Red Devils during his last dual meet against Adirondack High School on Thursday, January 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS, In his much-deserved retirement, Mark Peavey plans on staying active within the wrestling community and the school's FFA program, and spending more time with his beloved three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mark Peavey will fondly be remembered by many for not only his experience and ability to teach the proper techniques and maneuvers for every situation, but also for teaching his athletes invaluable lessons both on and off the mat; and

WHEREAS, Known as an inspiring and motivating leader, Mark Peavey's positive demeanor, selfless commitment and caring concern have contributed to his unparalleled success as a coach and mentor, earning him the just respect and admiration of the school, his peers and the athletes he has so ably coached; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mark Peavey will always be remembered for his role in making the Vernon-Verona-Sherill Red Devils a proud wrestling community; he was a friend to everyone and always stayed true to his beliefs, making his athletes his number one priority; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to now record its recognition and appreciation in honoring an outstanding educational leader whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and sportsmanship in youth, exemplifying the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Mark Peavey upon the occasion of his retirement after 36

years as Head Coach of the Vernon-Verona-Sherill Wrestling Team, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mark Peavey.