

Senate Resolution No. 624

BY: Senator STEC

HONORING Eileen Kilcullen upon the occasion of her induction into the New York State Athletic Administration Association Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Kilcullen has given not only of her time and energies, but also of her competence, intelligence, and leadership, and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Eileen Kilcullen upon the occasion of her induction into the New York State Athletic Administration Association Hall of Fame on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at the organization's annual conference in Saratoga Springs, New York; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Kilcullen has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her service, a period of constructive involvement, Eileen Kilcullen has stood constant in dignity, good grace, and has undoubtedly served as a role model to all those in her community; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Kilcullen earned a bachelor's degree in Physical Education from SUNY Cortland in 1987, and in 1990, she earned a master's degree from SUNY Brockport in Educational Administration; and

WHEREAS, With the idea of pursuing physical education since the fourth grade, Eileen Kilcullen began fulfilling her goals by working at Canaseraga Central School in Allegany County, where she was a K-12 physical education teacher; during her time there, she coached soccer, basketball, and softball; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Eileen Kilcullen accepted the position of Athletic Director at the Franklin Academy in Malone, New York; making a profound impact during her tenure, she helped to start the girls varsity hockey program, as well as both boys and girls varsity bowling teams; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, she aided in a major construction project that both greatly increased the size of the school and equipped it with brand new athletic facilities, including a track and a weight room; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the Section 10 Sportsmanship Committee, Eileen Kilcullen served as a chairperson of Section 10 boys swimming, and was the Chapter 10 representative of the New York State Athletic Administrators Association for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Academy's gym/pool complex was named the Eileen Kilcullen Sports Facility to honor her lasting impact on the school and community which she so unwaveringly served; and

WHEREAS, In her retirement, Eileen Kilcullen enjoys spending winter seasons in Florida, playing golf year-round and working on her pickleball skills; this new era of her illustrious life includes thinking back fondly on all the memories she made with her cherished students and coworkers throughout her career, reflecting with joy, pride, and the utmost sense of fulfillment; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Eileen Kilcullen has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Eileen Kilcullen upon the occasion of her induction into the New York State Athletic Administration Association Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eileen Kilcullen.