

Senate Resolution No. 1191

BY: Senator ORTT

CONGRATULATING Shawn MacKinnon upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to the New York State Senate

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Shawn MacKinnon upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to the New York State Senate; and

WHEREAS, The best public servants are those who take their roles and responsibilities seriously and look to enhance the quality of government; and

WHEREAS, Shawn MacKinnon has devoted over 30 years of his life to public service, bringing diligence, expertise, and mentorship to his many roles in the New York State Senate; and

WHEREAS, Shawn MacKinnon began his career with Senator Suzi Oppenheimer on September 8, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his career, Shawn MacKinnon worked for offices including Senate Finance, Budget Studies, and Senior Staff; and

WHEREAS, As Secretary to the Senate Finance Committee, Shawn MacKinnon played a critical role in supporting the conference and individual Senators on budget and policy matters, while also training dozens of analysts and sharing his institutional knowledge generously; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure as an education and finance analyst, Shawn MacKinnon became a trusted expert in the complex and high-stakes issue of school aid funding, serving as a steady and knowledgeable voice in shaping vital state education investments; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his Senate service, Shawn MacKinnon served as a professor of Statistics at both the University at Albany and Siena College, guiding and inspiring the next generation of leaders with his insight and passion for teaching; and

WHEREAS, Shawn MacKinnon is the proud father of Joe, Madi, and Casey, and has taken great joy in their academic, professional, and personal growth, supporting them with pride and dedication; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong athlete and sports enthusiast, Shawn MacKinnon played college basketball, and has actively participated in hockey as a coach and official; and

WHEREAS, Shawn MacKinnon remains an avid snowboarder and enjoys basketball, baseball, hockey, and especially golf-where his unique ability to find every tree on and off the course is as much a badge of honor as a running joke among friends; and

WHEREAS, One of Shawn MacKinnon proudest achievements was founding the Clifton Park Dynamo Girls Ice Hockey Program, which he coached all the way to the finals, leaving a legacy for girls sports in the community; and

WHEREAS, Shawn MacKinnon's career has been defined by integrity, excellence, and the mentorship of others, and his contributions have left an indelible impact on the State Senate, his students, and all who have worked with him; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those who have reached such an important milestone in their personal and professional lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Shawn MacKinnon upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the State of New York, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Shawn MacKinnon.