

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dave Martens upon the occasion of his induction into the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding coaches, athletes and athletic administrators who distinguish themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor Dave Martens upon the occasion of his induction into the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, One of 12 people, and the only one from New York State, to be inducted into the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) Hall of Fame's inaugural class at a ceremony held in Dallas, Texas, Dave Martens has been involved in interscholastic athletics for 51 years; and

WHEREAS, The NIAAA Hall of Fame was created to honor retired athletic administrators who had exemplary careers and deserve awards at the highest level; and

WHEREAS, One of the finest and most respected athletic administrators in the United States, Dave Martens retired in 1991 after serving 18 years as Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics in the Fairport, New York Central School District; and

WHEREAS, A native of the Boston area, Dave Martens was a three-year all-star baseball player, later playing baseball and ice hockey at Springfield College, where he was named All-New England in baseball and participated in the 1955 College World Series; he also played baseball in the Milwaukee Braves organization; and

WHEREAS, Beginning his career in high school education in coaching and athletic administration in the Rushford, New York school system, Dave Martens also taught physical education and coached in Brockport, New York before joining the Fairport Central School District; and

WHEREAS, Among his proudest accomplishments while at Fairport, Dave Martens is remembered and honored for his extraordinary commitment to the development of the girls' sports programs and founding Operation Offense to lead in the fight for education and prevention of substance abuse; his goal was to make student-athletes chemically free; and

WHEREAS, Since retiring, Dave Martens has continued to work with student-athletes; he now represents 700 athletic directors and serves as liaison between the New York State Athletic Administrators Association, which he founded, and the NIAAA; he is also Director of the NIAAA's National Emergency Network, which he co-founded to help members and their families in times of emergency or natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, Still living in Perinton, New York, Dave Martens was married to the late Judy (Hembrock) Martens; he is the father of four children: John, Jeff, Janet, and Shane; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Dave Martens for his extraordinary athletic administrative accomplishments which are a tribute to his skill, dedication and commitment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations with praise and pride to honor Dave Martens upon the occasion of his induction into the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dave Martens, Perinton, New York.