

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Kevin Edick upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to SUNY Polytechnic Institute Athletics

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the diligence and compassionate commitment of those individuals whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of our student athletes; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Kevin Edick upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to SUNY Polytechnic Institute Athletics; and

WHEREAS, Longtime Athletic Administrator and Head Baseball Coach Kevin Edick retired from SUNY Polytechnic Institute in September of 2021, after 33 extraordinary years as a Wildcat; and

WHEREAS, A native of New Hartford, New York, and a multi-sport athlete at New Hartford High School, Kevin Edick went on to play baseball at North Adams State College; he received his bachelor's degree in psychology before earning his master's degree at Wagner College; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Edick began his illustrious coaching career at his high school alma mater as the freshman baseball coach, eighth grade basketball head coach and assistant freshman football coach in 1981; his college baseball coaching career started in 1986, with a graduate internship with Division I Wagner College; and

WHEREAS, In the Fall of 1988, Kevin Edick joined the staff at SUNY Polytechnic Institute where he was instrumental in the development and expansion of Wildcat Athletics; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Kevin Edick coached six sports: golf, bowling, women's basketball, men's soccer, softball and baseball; he cemented his legacy at SUNY Poly with the founding of its baseball program in 1991-92; and

WHEREAS, In his 27 years as the Head Baseball Coach, Kevin Edick amassed more than 300 wins, was the SUNYAC Coach of the Year twice, the NEAC Coach of the Year three times, and led his team to the NEAC Championship in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in 2012, Kevin Edick became the school's Associate Athletic Director, the esteemed position he served for nine years; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Edick has clearly had an enduring impact on the

student athletes of SUNY Polytechnic Institute, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, In completing his service as Associate Athletic Director and Head Baseball Coach, Kevin Edick leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; he leaves behind a legacy to the students of SUNY Polytechnic Institute and to the residents of the community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Kevin Edick upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to SUNY Polytechnic Institute Athletics; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kevin Edick.