Senate Resolution No. 1560

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Head Coach Don Johnson upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of coaching at Morrisville-Eaton High School

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge outstanding individuals within our midst who have made significant contributions to the communities of this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Head Coach Don Johnson upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of coaching at Morrisville-Eaton High School; and

WHEREAS, For the last 12 of 30 seasons, Don Johnson has filled the role of Head Coach at Morrisville-Eaton High School; prior to coaching the Mavericks, he coached at Sherburne-Earlville High School; and

WHEREAS, Morrisville-Eaton's Mavericks sent their coach out on top by beating the Eldred Yellowjackets 40-12 in New York's State Regional Eight-Player Football Championship game; and

WHEREAS, The Mavericks completed an 11-2 season with an 11th consecutive victory; the Section III champions scored a touchdown on the second play from scrimmage at Cicero-North Syracuse High School's Michael J. Bragman Athletic Complex and led throughout the final game of the eight-player season, following Frankfort-Schuyler as the section's second consecutive intersectional champion; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Don Johnson and 10 seniors completed their run with an impressive victory; the Morrisville-Eaton Mavericks led the Eldred Yellowjackets 16-0 just over three minutes into the game; and

WHEREAS, Retirement from coaching is emotional for Don Johnson, but he has plans and leaves his son, Ethan, as an assistant and likely replacement; three years ago, he retired from his position at Colgate University; there is a possibility that he will return to Morrisville-Eaton as an assistant or volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Don Johnson and his wife, who retired from teaching, will take time to travel; the couple has plans to enjoy Ireland this year; and

WHEREAS, The many contributions of which Don Johnson has played a vital role are a testament to his legacy which will inspire future students and athletes of Morrisville-Eaton High School for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those dedicated individuals who have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence unquestionably 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 commend Head Coach Don Johnson upon the occasion of his retirement 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 Head Coach Don Johnson.