

Assembly Resolution No. 1424

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HONORING Ed Gosek upon the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of distinguished service to SUNY Oswego

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 honor Ed Gosek upon the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of distinguished service to SUNY Oswego; and

WHEREAS, A former Laker himself, Ed Gosek played for SUNY Oswego from 1979-1983, earning both his Bachelor of Science in 1983, and Master of Science in Education in 2001, from the university; and

WHEREAS, Ed Gosek began his coaching career in the Oswego Minor Hockey Association, where he led youth teams to four New York State titles and his tireless dedication to grassroots development earned him the NYSAHA Peter Rush Award in 2008, for contributions to youth hockey and the prestigious USA Hockey Walter Yaciuk Award in 2009, for outstanding service to the Coaching Education Program; and

WHEREAS, Ed Gosek's coaching career with the SUNY Oswego Lakers began in 1990, when he was hired as the Men's Ice Hockey Assistant Coach, a role he served for 13 years until 2003; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Ed Gosek was named head coach of the Lakers and in just his fourth season as head coach, he guided Oswego to its first-ever NCAA team national championship, defeating Middlebury in overtime to capture the 2007 NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey National Title; he was honored with the AHCA Ed Jeremiah National Coach of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, For the past 36 years, Ed Gosek rendered faithful, conscientious, and valuable service to SUNY Oswego; and

WHEREAS, From 2009-2019, Ed Gosek's teams earned eight NCAA Tournament appearances and made five consecutive Frozen Four trips, a testament to the program's sustained excellence under his leadership and in all, he has guided the Lakers to 11 NCAA Tournament appearances, five SUNYAC championships, and 14 SUNYAC title game berths; and

WHEREAS, Ed Gosek has been recognized as SUNYAC Coach of the Year three times in 2005, 2010, and 2019; and

WHEREAS, With a career record of 427-149-38, a .726 winning percentage, Ed Gosek stands as the all-time winningest coach in SUNY Oswego men's ice hockey history; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Assistant Coach and Head Coach of SUNY Oswego's Men's Ice Hockey Team, Ed Gosek served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, For more than 30 years, Ed Gosek has been a dedicated contributor to USA Hockey, playing a key role at numerous national select festivals in St. Cloud, Minnesota, Rochester, New York, and Buffalo, New York and he has facilitated the New York State 14U Development Camp on the Oswego campus for over 15 years, helping to develop and mentor the next generation of elite players; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Ed Gosek was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his cherished children, Jeremy and Sarah, who have felt privileged to be a part of his fruitful life and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with SUNY Oswego, Ed Gosek earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ed Gosek upon the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ed Gosek.