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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Mike Koehler upon the occasion of being named 2016 Coach of the Year by the POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those notable athletic coaches within our midst who serve the youth of this great Empire State and who have distinguished themselves and their schools through their exemplary athletic achievements and their outstanding commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Mike Koehler upon the occasion of being named 2016 Coach of the Year by the POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL; and

WHEREAS, During the 2015-2016 season, Coach Mike Koehler led his Marlboro High School Iron Dukes Basketball team to a remarkable 23-4 record, including his team's first trip to the New York State Final Four in program history, and its first appearance in the state championship game; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Coach Mike Koehler guided the Iron Dukes to wins over Spackenkill in the Section 9 Class B Final, Briarcliff in a Regional Semifinal and Southampton in the Regional Finals; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, this esteemed leader has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mike Koehler's positive attitude, selfless commitment, goal-oriented and balanced approach to instruction, on top of his genuine concern for his athletes have contributed to his enduring success as

a coach and mentor at Marlboro High School, earning him the just respect of his community and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when athletic coaches of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Mike Koehler upon the occasion of being named 2016 Coach of the Year by the POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mike Koehler.