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Senate Resolution No. 3153

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Coach Jay Green upon the occasion of his retirement after 13 years of distinguished service to the SUNY Potsdam Women's Hockey Team

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the distinguished educators and athletic coaches who serve the youth of this great Empire State and who have distinguished themselves and their schools through outstanding commitment and exemplary athletic achievements; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Coach Jay Green upon the occasion of his retirement after 13 years of distinguished service to the SUNY Potsdam Women's Hockey Team; and

WHEREAS, A congenial leader and seasoned tactician, Jay Green's positive demeanor, selfless commitment and caring concern have contributed to his unparalleled success as a coach and mentor, earning him the just respect and admiration of the school, his peers and the athletes he has so ably coached; and

WHEREAS, Jay Green began his long and distinguished career with SUNY Potsdam in 1999, when he accepted the position of Facilities Director at

Maxcy Hall; upon realizing the only women's hockey team in the area was at St. Lawrence University, he decided to start a program at SUNY Potsdam; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Coach Jay Green established the women's hockey team and has been an important and vital aspect of the success and growth of the team ever since; he will officially retire as leader and mentor of the Lady Bears on August 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, After a year playing at the club level in 2007-2008, SUNY Potsdam began as a full varsity program in 2008-2009 and went 4-17-2; a few years later, the Lady Bears enjoyed a 12-10-3 season; and

WHEREAS, Even though Coach Jay Green is stepping down from collegiate play, he will continue to coach elementary school soccer and softball teams in Parishville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jay Green will always be remembered for his role in making SUNY Potsdam a proud women's hockey community; he was a friend to everyone and always stayed true to his beliefs, making his athletes his number one priority; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to now record its recognition and appreciation in honoring an outstanding educational leader whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and sportsmanship in youth, exemplifying the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Coach Jay Green upon the occasion of his retirement after 13 years of distinguished service to the SUNY Potsdam Women's Hockey Team,

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 Coach Jay Green.