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Senate Resolution No. 781

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Donald F. Vaughan upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service as Coach of the Colgate University Men's Ice Hockey Team

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 Donald F. Vaughan upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service as Coach of the Colgate University Men's Ice Hockey Team; and

WHEREAS, Coach Donald F. Vaughan's announcement comes on the heels of an unforgettable postseason run after guiding the Colgate University Raiders to its first ECAC Hockey championship since 1990; and

WHEREAS, In addition to this monumental accomplishment, Coach Donald F. Vaughan has led his team to six 20-win seasons and four NCAA tournament berths; and

WHEREAS, The nation's third-longest tenured Division I Head Men's Hockey Coach, Donald F. Vaughan began his long and distinguished career with Colgate University in 1992; after three decades, he leaves the program with 470 victories, making him the winningest coach in program history; and

WHEREAS, Under Coach Donald F. Vaughan's leadership, men's hockey has continued to focus on graduating individuals committed to good citizenship and sportsmanship, the program seeks not only the championship trophy, but the best and brightest undergraduates to hoist it; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure with the Raiders, Coach Donald F. Vaughan has developed and mentored more than 200 Academic All-ECAC members, 56 All-ECAC Hockey honors, seven All-Americans, five Hobey Baker Award finalists, three Colgate 1819 award winners, two ECAC Hockey Players of the Year, one NHL Stanley Cup winner, an ECAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year, and one Hockey Humanitarian Award winner; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, he has coached 36 Raiders who went on to be drafted in the NHL, or were drafted prior to coming to Colgate; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unremitting commitment to the Raiders and college ice hockey as a whole, Coach Donald F. Vaughan was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the 2004 Silver Puck Award, a 2005 Maroon Citation, and was a two-time ECAC Hockey Coach of the Year honoree; and

WHEREAS, On November 11, 2007, Colgate University announced the creation of the Donald F. Vaughan Endowed Coaching Chair for Men's Ice Hockey; at the time, he was the only active coach in Division I Men's Hockey to have an endowment in his name; and

WHEREAS, A 1984 graduate of St. Lawrence, Donald F. Vaughan played three seasons of varsity hockey for the Saints after earning All-America status in his only season at Canton College; while with the Saints, he tallied 41 goals and 49 assists for 90 points in 96 games as a center; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, Donald F. Vaughan helped lead his team to the NCAA tournament and a first-place finish in the ECAC's West Region; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife Mariel, and their two children, Mark and Maria, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Coach Donald F. Vaughan has clearly had an enduring impact on the student athletes of Colgate University, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; 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 Donald F. Vaughan upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service as Coach of the Colgate University Men's Ice 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 Donald F. Vaughan.

