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Senate Resolution No. 1791

BY: Senator KENNEDY

COMMENDING Joseph P. Wolf upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute in Kenmore, New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the renowned 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 commending Joseph P. Wolf upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute in Kenmore, New York, to be celebrated on Friday, April 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, Joseph P. Wolf went on to Niagara University where he received his degree in 1962; he furthered his education by earning his master's degree in education from Canisius College in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation from Niagara University, Joseph P. Wolf began a lifetime of service to his high school alma mater; throughout his career, he taught history, business law and physical education,

along with coaching both baseball and junior varsity football; and

WHEREAS, Upon being named Athletics Director in 1966, Joseph P. Wolf led St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute's varsity baseball teams to win more than 130 games and two Georgetown Cups; in addition, his football teams were 97-7-4 and recorded eight undefeated seasons; and

WHEREAS, Although widely recognized and honored as a fine coach and superb administrator, Joseph P. Wolf was considered by many to be an outstanding teacher; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unremitting commitment to his students, Joseph P. Wolf was named the 1981 Knights of Columbus Man of the Year, 1986 Alumni Association Man of the Year, 1996 Athletics Hall of Fame Inductee and 1999 Distinguished Alumni Signum Fidei Society; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Joseph P. Wolf was selected as the New York State Catholic High School Athletics Director of the Year, and was the recipient of the prestigious John D. Burns Award for outstanding support and dedication to high school football; and

WHEREAS, Enshrined in the Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame, Joseph P. Wolf was honored for his accomplishments, leadership and service by the Town of Tonawanda Board of Directors on June 16, 2008; and

WHEREAS, A congenial leader and seasoned tactician, Joseph P. Wolf'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, 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 Joseph P. Wolf upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute in Kenmore, New York; recognizing as well, the significance of his long and distinguished career as a teacher, coach and mentor in serving both the youth in his community and the student athletes of St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph P. Wolf.