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Senate Resolution No. 2264

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING Joe Iatauro upon the occasion of being inducted into the first class of the Section IX Track and Field Hall of Fame on May 20, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, to commend notable 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 achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Joe Iatauro upon the occasion of being inducted into the first class of the Section IX Track and Field Hall of Fame to be celebrated at a Ceremony on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at Kuhl's Highland House in Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, From 1974-2013, Joe Iatauro served as a cross country, and indoor and outdoor track and field coach at Tri-Valley High School; under his luminous leadership, the teams won numerous Western Sullivan League, Orange County League, and Section IX Class C and D Championships in all three sports; and

WHEREAS, Joe Iatauro also coached state individual champions, Chip

Furman, Theo Chewiwi, and Travis Wolfe, as well as National Medalists, Ryan Loughney, Garrett Gray, Kristen Agnew, Joe Iatauro, and Theo Chewiwi; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Joe Iatauro led 14 individual boys to titles in Section IX Cross Country at Bear Mountain; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the sport, Joe Iatauro served as the Section IX Boy's Track and Field State Chairman from 1984-2013, and the Hudson Valley Region Track and Field Coordinator for the Empire State Games from 1981-2010; and

WHEREAS, Joe Iatauro's positive demeanor, selfless commitment, and caring concern have contributed to his enduring success as a coach and mentor, earning him the just respect and admiration of his community, his peers, and the athletes he has so ably coached; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Joe Iatauro upon the occasion of being inducted into the first class of the Section IX Track and Field Hall of Fame on May 20, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joe Iatauro.