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Senate Resolution No. 4637

BY: Senator KENNEDY

COMMENDING Robert T. Scott upon the occasion of his retirement after 48 years of dedicated service to St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of those outstanding educational leaders, whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and academic excellence in the young people of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Robert T. Scott upon the occasion of his retirement after 48 years of dedicated service to St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute; he will officially retire in June of 2018; and

WHEREAS, Robert T. Scott earned his bachelor's degree from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York, in 1968; he furthered his education by obtaining his master's degree in Religious Studies from Canisius College in 1975; and

WHEREAS, In 1971, Robert T. Scott began his long and distinguished career in education as a religion teacher at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, an all-boys high school; for the next 46 years, he devoted himself to teaching young men about the LaSallian Way; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his dedication to St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, Robert T. Scott and the Elmwood Franklin School in Buffalo, he is a past member of the Board of Trustees of Mt. St. Mary Academy, Holy Angels Academy, Christian Brothers Academy in Syracuse, the Elmwood Franklin School, and the Nativity Miguel School; and

WHEREAS, Robert T. Scott's recognizable skill, boundless enthusiasm, and great efforts displayed through his teaching resulted in his appointment to the position of Vice President for Student Affairs in 1981; he accepted the role of the first lay President in the school's history in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Four years later, the school's Board of Directors unanimously approved a resolution to name the school's athletic complex in honor of this remarkable man, henceforth the Robert T. Scott AFSC Athletic Complex was dedicated in recognition of his steadfast and unremitting commitment to St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute; and

WHEREAS, This modern and beautiful athletic complex represents Robert T. Scott's determination and leadership of the capital campaign in establishing St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute as one of the premiere high schools in the Buffalo area; and

WHEREAS, Robert T. Scott genuinely cares about each person at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute; he strives to personally influence every single young man who passes through the halls to not only achieve their academic goals, but to be gentlemen of faith, character and integrity;

and

WHEREAS, Under Robert T. Scott's luminous leadership, St. Joseph's Institute implemented various environmental efforts which include a 108-solar panel system on the school's roof conserving electrical use; it is supported by a real-time display of electricity production and an educational kiosk in the school's student commons; this green initiative is expected to save the school \$113,500 over the 25-year guaranteed lifetime of the system; and

WHEREAS, Robert T. Scott also presided over the construction of a state-of-the-art science facility, and a new residence for the Christian Brothers; after 155 years, he raised the necessary funds to place a statue of the school's patron saint, Saint John Baptiste de La Salle, in front of the chapel; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Robert T. Scott focused much of his time and effort on student financial aid, ensuring a St. Joe's education remains affordable and accessible to everyone; he will forever be remembered as one of the most influential leaders the high school has ever had the pleasure of knowing; and

WHEREAS, For almost five decades, Robert T. Scott has "bled white, burgundy, and silver"; his loyalty to the district and to his staff is truly admirable; all who have had the privilege to work with him through the years have known him to be an honest and hard-working Teacher, Vice Principal, Principal, and President who always made the needs and concerns of his students his top priority; and

WHEREAS, Since the beginning of his tenure at St. Joseph's Institute, Robert T. Scott has embodied the values espoused by the Lasallian Mission, following in the footsteps of St. John Baptist de La

Salle and other members of the Brothers of Christian Schools; and

WHEREAS, Robert T. Scott has completed the Buttiimer Institute of Lasallian Studies, the Lasallian Leadership Institute, and has held numerous leadership positions throughout the Christian Brothers network in the United States; and

WHEREAS, As a testament to his life of service, Robert T. Scott was appointed an Affiliated Member of the Brothers in June of 2001, the order's highest honor; and

WHEREAS, Robert T. Scott plans on spending his much-deserved retirement with his beloved wife, Michelle, his two children, and four grandchildren; he is also looking forward to reconnecting with his four brothers; and

WHEREAS, The driving force behind Robert T. Scott's commitment to education is his belief that all children have the potential to do great things if given the opportunity; he prides himself on creating an educational environment where students come first and expectations are high; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Robert T. Scott upon the occasion of his retirement after 48 years of dedicated service to St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert T. Scott.