

NO. R-88. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING
SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL FIELD HOCKEY COACH JOY BENSON.

(H.C.R.57)

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Springfield, Emmons of Springfield,
Pellett of Chester and Shand of Weathersfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, high school sports coaching involves teaching students athletic skills and instilling in the youngsters a sense of fair play, and

Whereas, during her career as a field hockey coach for a decade at Green Mountain Union High School and for the last 23 years at Springfield High School, Joy Benson has excelled at both of these objectives, and

Whereas, Joy Benson was introduced to field hockey as a seventh-grade goalie in Stowe, and she immediately became an avid player who continued the sport in high school and on one of the first field hockey teams at Norwich University, and

Whereas, after graduating from Norwich, she fulfilled her career ambition to become a physical education teacher, accepting a position at Green Mountain Union High School, and

Whereas, Joy Benson's intimate familiarity with field hockey made her an ideal candidate to serve as Green Mountain's coach, a role she performed throughout her ten-year tenure at the school, and

Whereas, in 1986, Joy Benson joined the faculty of Springfield High School, continuing her teaching and coaching roles, and

Whereas, her first year coaching the Springfield Cosmos was a huge success as the team won a state championship title, and her 23-season career record at Springfield was highly successful and personally satisfying, and

Whereas, Joy Benson's demonstrated leadership skills were put to good use during her terms as president of the Field Hockey Coaches Association and the Springfield Teachers' Association, as well as through her role as a board member of the Windsor County South Credit Union, and

Whereas, she has been named the Marble Valley League Coach of the Year and the Division II Coach of the Year, and she was elected to a regional hall of fame in recognition of her success as a high school coach, and

Whereas, with the completion of the 2008 field hockey season, Joy Benson concluded her 33-year coaching career but will remain on the faculty of Springfield High School as a physical education teacher, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Springfield High School field hockey coach Joy Benson as an exemplary leader on the playing field and among her professional colleagues, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joy Benson at Springfield High School.