A PROCLAMATION HONORING SHAWSHEEN VALLEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING COACH MARK DONOVAN

WHEREAS, MARK DONOVAN assumed the head coach position of the Shawsheen Valley Technical High School Wrestling Team in 1986, at the incredibly young age of 19 years, and;

WHEREAS, over 35 years, growing the school's wrestling program into a Massachusetts Division I powerhouse, known for its wrestlers' superior conditioning, tenacity and grit, MARK DONOVAN (or DUNNY, as he is affectionately called) achieved many accomplishments, including:

Over 500 team dual meet wins;

24 League and 17 State Vocational Championships;

Coaching over 50 individual wrestler Sectional, State and New England champions;

Induction to the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his extraordinary athletic accomplishments, MARK DONOVAN touched the lives of thousands of high school athletes in Billerica and surrounding towns, imparting lessons, such as:

How to set goals for individual and team success, achieved through intense work, discipline and focus;

How to experience and overcome setbacks, learning the valuable lessons of defeat;

How to collaborate with others to reach one's fullest potential in the sport of wrestling, and in life;

WHEREAS, we, as residents of the Town of Billerica, have benefitted by the example set by MARK DONOVAN'S persistent leadership and proud representation of Shawsheen Valley Technical High School;

NOW THEREFORE, I ask all Billerica residents to join us in proudly honoring and celebrating MARK DONOVAN for his profound accomplishments and inspiring example of commitment to excellence, by establishing March 19th as COACH DONOVAN (or DUNNY) DAY, this year and each year henceforth.

Respectfully,

Michael S. Rosa, Chairman

John J. Burrows, Vice Chairman

Daniel L. Burns, Secretary

Kimberly J. Conway, Member

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