



THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO

HOME OF THE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, I, Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor of the City of Springfield, do hereby confer upon Coach William Shepard this proclamation in recognition of you being a proud coach and leader of the Roger L. Putnam Vocational Technical Academy Boys Basketball Team. The team showed the state their best basketball — and then some, in overcoming adversity and wild final minutes in defeating Mansfield to bring the Massachusetts Division I boys basketball state championship Title back to Springfield; and finishing the championship season with a record of 24 -1; and

Whereas, Coach William Shepard has exemplified the ideals of leadership, role model, and guidance to the 2013 members of the Roger L. Putnam Vocational Technical Academy Boys Basketball Team. He has shown the entire city what it means to believe in our young people and what they can accomplish with leadership. Putnam defeated Mansfield High School 50-48 to win their first Division I State Boys Basketball championship!; and

Whereas, Coach Shepard stated "These kids needed to release some steam, because I've been on them all year. But now they know why. I saw the potential. I said, Guys, I'm not lowering the expectation level. It's not going to be lowered. You guys are going to reach this level because you're capable of it." And they showed it; and

Whereas, The City of Springfield looks forward to Coach Shepard's continued commitment to excellence and congratulate Coach Shepard on the success of the Roger L. Putnam Vocational Technical Academy Basketball Team.

Therefore, I, Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor

Of the City of Springfield, do hereby proclaim

Thursday, March 21, 2013

"Coach William Shepard Day"

In the City of Springfield, and I urge all our citizens to join with us celebrating the efforts and labors of William Shepard, coach of the 2013 Massachusetts Division I Boys Basketball State Champions, Roger L. Putnam Vocational Technical Academy Basketball Team

MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO