LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the East High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class A Championship

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, March 17, 2012, at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, New York, the 2011-12 East High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team captured the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class A title by defeating Averill Park by a score of 43-35; and

WHEREAS, The Class A championship won by the 2011-12 East High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team was the first-ever girls basketball New York State championship captured by a Rochester City School District team; and

WHEREAS, In the competition leading up to the Class A championship game, the East High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team defeated Pittsford-Mendon on March 2, 2012, by a score of 51-48 to win the Section 5 title; it defeated Grand Island of Section 6 in the quarterfinals, and Section 11's John H. Glenn High School by a score of 66-49 in the semifinal contest; and

WHEREAS, The 2011-12 East High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team's overall record was an outstanding 21-3; its regular season record was a perfect 10-0 in the Rochester City league; after beginning the season with a record of 1-3, the team won 20 straight games en route to the New York State Championship; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Mario Velazquez, and Assistant Coaches Lisa Turchetti and Ken Sutton, skilled and inspirational mentors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the 2011-12 East High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in league play and in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Tournament were a sisterhood of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school and community; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Mario Velazquez, and Assistant Coaches Lisa Turchetti and Ken Sutton, have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the 2011-12 East High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment; Head Coach Mario Velazquez, and Assistant Coaches Lisa Turchetti and Ken Sutton; and the 2011-12 East High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team's outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution

to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the 2011-12 East High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team, its members and Head Coach Mario Velazquez, and Assistant Coaches Lisa Turchetti and Ken Sutton on their New York State Class A Championship and their outstanding season; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members and coaching staff of the 2011-12 East High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team.