

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Josephine Pucci, of Pearl River, New York, upon the occasion of capturing a Silver Medal as part of the United States Women's Hockey Team at the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to extend its full recognition and grateful tribute to the athletes of New York State who have dedicated their purposeful lives to athletic achievement and proudly represented their great State and Nation in Olympic competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Josephine Pucci of Pearl River, New York, upon the occasion of capturing a Silver Medal as part of the United States Women's Hockey Team at the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia, on Thursday, February 20, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Pucci started ice skating when she was only five years old; she was first interested in learning figure skating, until a family Christmas present of a hockey stick and helmet ignited her passion for hockey; and

WHEREAS, Unable to find any girl's hockey teams in her area, this remarkable young woman played in the highly physical boys' home and travel leagues until she entered high school; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 14, Josephine Pucci enrolled in Choate Rosemary Hall, a prep school in Wallingford, Connecticut, where she lived away from her family for the first time; she joined the girls' hockey team and achieved success both athletically and academically; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, this gifted student-athlete was accepted at Harvard University, starting on defense for the school's women's hockey team; her excellent play led to many awards and also to her being named Team Captain; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, Josephine Pucci competed and won a place on the roster of the USA Women's Hockey Team; although injured with a concussion, she worked diligently to train and recover, and in June 2013 was invited to the Olympic tryouts, successfully earning her place on the 2014 Sochi Olympics team; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the United States Women's Hockey Team, Josephine Pucci made her country proud, playing against the best teams in the world, and helping her team capture the Silver Medal at the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Pucci will enter her senior year at Harvard in the fall; a major in Psychology, she plans to pursue further studies in neuroscience; given her personal experience, she hopes to advocate for the proper and diligent treatment of patients with head injuries; and

WHEREAS, A role model for all, Josephine Pucci is a talented, dedicated athlete who has brought honor to her community and to her family, coaches, and friends who have supported and cheered for her throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Pucci's character and her many achievements stand as example and inspiration to all who would aspire to extraordinary success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Josephine Pucci upon the occasion of capturing a Silver Medal as part of the United States Women's Hockey Team at the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Josephine Pucci.