

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Union Springs/Port Byron High School Boys Soccer Team and Coach Jim Hodges upon the occasion of capturing the 2014 New York State Class B Section IV 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, The Union Springs/Port Byron High School Boys Soccer Team captured the 2014 New York State Class B Section IV Championship with an exciting 2-1 victory over Oneonta on Saturday, November 1, 2014, at Wright Soccer Campus, Oneonta, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Union Springs/Port Byron Wolves finished their season in sensational fashion, winning 11 out of their final 14 games to achieve their first section title in 31 years and a place in the Class B State Semifinals; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Jim Hodges, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his 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 Union Springs/Port Byron High School Soccer Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the championship, were a brotherhood 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

WHEREAS, Coach Jim Hodges has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Jim Hodges and these 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 Union Springs/Port Byron High School Boys Soccer Team and Coach Jim Hodges on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Union Springs/Port Byron High School Boys Soccer Team and Coach Jim Hodges.