LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Heuvelton Central School Girls Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2016 New York State Class D Championship

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can only be achieved 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Heuvelton Central School Girls Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class D Championship for the second year in a row; and

WHEREAS, Heuvelton won the 2016 Class D Championship in a close game over the Panama Central School Panthers by a score of 62-60, at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, New York, on Sunday, March 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Heuvelton is the first repeat New York State Champion since 2008; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the dedication of their many family, fans, friends, and the community at large, who came out in force to cheer the Heuvelton Central School Girls Basketball Team to victory, and who loyally and enthusiastically supported the team throughout their season; and

WHEREAS, The team finished the year with a perfect 28-0 record, winning the Section X Championship and their second New York State Title in a row; 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, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those high school athletes who have achieved notable success in this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Heuvelton Central School Girls Basketball Team; its members: Pattie Paramesthanakorn, Eliza Martin, Alyssa Johnson, Alexandra Steele, Karina Warren, Paige Weston, Kristi Donnelly, Nathalie Barr, Paige McCormick, Jaelin Calkins, Hannah Thornhill, Gabrielle Johnson, Kedan Mack, Madison McCormick, Carin Sherwood and Kelsey Williams, and Coach Rob Powers, Assistant Coach Austin Weakfall, and Activity Director David Steele on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Heuvelton Central School Girls Basketball Team, Coach Rob Powers, Assistant Coach Austin Weakfall, and Activity Director David Steele.