

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Connetquot High School Girls Volleyball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2015 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class AA 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 Connetquot High School Girls Volleyball Team captured the 2015 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class AA Championship with an impressive victory in straight sets over Pine Bush on Sunday, November 22, 2015, at the Glens Falls Civic Center, Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, With this victory, the Connetquot High School Thunderbirds have won their first New York State volleyball title in school history; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Connetquot Thunderbirds completed an undefeated regular season, and won their first Long Island Championship in Volleyball; they also won their second consecutive Suffolk County Championship; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Justin Hertz, and Assistant Coaches Karen Edwards and Ashley Marchese, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's undefeated record of 16-0 is a testament to the hard work of the team members, and to the loyal and enthusiastic support of family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of Connetquot High School Girls Volleyball Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the championship, 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

WHEREAS, Coach Justin Hertz has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals, and was recently named NEWSDAY'S Long Island Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Justin Hertz 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 Connetquot High School Girls Volleyball Team; its members: Lauren Ballinger, Daniella Balsano, Cory Carrara, Mackenzie Cole, Taylor Cole, Gianna DeRusso, Taylor Konzen, Sophia Martin, Sarah McKeveny, Nicole Migliozi, Cassandra Patsos, Skyla Schoppmeyer, Ashley Spencer, Mackenzie Taylor, Katie Von Kampen and Diana Migliozi; Coach Justin Hertz; and Assistant Coaches Karen Edwards and Ashley Marchese, 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 Connetquot High School Girls Volleyball

Team, Coach Justin Hertz, and Assistant Coaches Karen Edwards and Ashley Marchese.

