

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Elmont Memorial High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2016 New York State Public High School Athletic Association's Boys Basketball 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, The Elmont Memorial High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team are the 2016 New York State Public High School Athletic Association's Boys Basketball Class A Champions; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach George Holub, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; Elmont's 57-43 victory over Troy at the Glens Falls Civic Center was supported by people who traveled over 200 miles to cheer on the team; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Elmont Memorial High School Varsity Boys Basketball 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 living up to their motto, "Spartan Tough"; and

WHEREAS, Coach George Holub and Assistant Coaches Patrick Eustache, Kevin Sullivan, and Ryan Straub have 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 George Holub and his 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 Elmont Memorial High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team; its members: Ismael Astasie, Jalen Burgess, Daniel Chambers, Darius Celestin, Lerone Clark, Justin Davis-Gray, Ewan Edobor, Christian Gibson, Brian Jean Baptiste, Yasir Lawrence, David Moore, K.C. Ndefo, Victor Olawoye, Eddy Peguero, Travis Robinson-Morgan, Joshua Ragin, Keaton Russell, Keshawn Smith; and Coach George Holub 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 Elmont Memorial High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team, Coach George Holub, Principal Kevin Dougherty, and Superintendent Dr. Ralph Ferrie.