

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Girls Varsity Volleyball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2015 New York State 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 Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Girls Varsity Volleyball Team captured the 2015 New York State Class A Championship with an impressive 25-16, 25-17, 25-19 victory sweep over Walter Panas High School on Sunday, November 22, 2015, at the Glens Falls Civic Center in Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, Utilizing outstanding talent and exceptional team play, the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Spartans capped a spectacular season by winning their sixth state title in school history in addition to setting a new program record for most victories in a season; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Girls Varsity Volleyball Team was named champions of the Harold Van Earden Tournament, Baldwinsville Tournament, John Glenn Tournament, Suburban Council Grey Division, and State Regionals; and

WHEREAS, In addition to their many athletic accomplishments, the Spartans displayed extraordinary academic effort by achieving a Scholar-Athlete team grade point average of 97.61 percent; they have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

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

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 31-1 is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Spartans were supported by their school's administration and board members, including: Superintendent of Schools, Patrick McGrath; School Board President, John Blowers; School Board Vice President, Peter Sawyer; Board Members, Jennifer Bradt, William Farmer, James Maughan, Jennifer Longtin, and Lee-Ann Mertzlufft; High School Principal, Timothy Brunson; and Athletic Director, Joe Scalise; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Girls Varsity 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, Coach Gary Bynon 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 Gary Bynon and these exceptional 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 Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Girls Varsity Volleyball Team; its members: Natalie Albright, Ashlynn Apffel, Niki Blatnick, Myla

Dobson, Jessica Fowler, Miya Hugaboom, Kate Isaksen, Meghan Keyes,

Olivia Lewandowski, Alexandra Pawlusik, Avery Pollard, Natalie Schurman, Hannah Shell, Kiera Walsh, Kelly Waters; Coach Gary Bynon, and Assistant Coaches Melissa Armstrong, Sue Gestwick and Maria Allocco on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Girls Varsity Volleyball Team and the aforementioned coaches.