

BY: Senator GALLIVAN

CONGRATULATING the Eden High School Girls Volleyball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2016 New York State Public High School Athletic Association's (NYSPHSAA) Class C Girls Volleyball Championship on November 20, 2016

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Eden High School Girls Volleyball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2016 NYSPHSAA Class C Girls Volleyball Championship at the Glens Falls Civic Center, Glens Falls, New York, on Sunday, November 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Eden High School Girls Volleyball Team has reached the New York State Champions 17 times, making 2016 their 8th consecutive NYSPHSAA State Championship, and 14th overall; and

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

WHEREAS, After this prolific season, Coach Stephen Pierce will be retiring from coaching with a record of 995 wins, 112 losses, and 23 ties; he is the Girls Volleyball Coach with the most wins in the State of New York; and

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

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Eden 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 Stephen Pierce has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Eden High School Girls Volleyball Team has achieved the milestone of claiming the State Championship title after months of dedication, commitment and teamwork, which are required to reach the highest levels of success; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Stephen Pierce and these outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition at their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of Eden High School Girls Volleyball Team: Molly Breier, Alyssa Durski, Samantha Burgio, Samantha Logan, Paiton Basinski, Gabrielle Mohan, Bridget Wrzesinski, Emma Suftin, Megan Cassidy, April Mosgeller and Lainey Overhoff; Head Coach Stephen Pierce; and Assistant Coach Emma Relosky 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 Eden High School Girls Volleyball Team, Head Coach Stephen Pierce and Assistant Coach Emma Relosky.