

Assembly Resolution No. 20

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CONGRATULATING the New Rochelle High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team, Head Coach Jarohan Garcia, Assistant Coaches Gustavo Barbosa and Francis McCarthy and Director of Athletics, Steve Young, upon the occasion of winning the New York State Class AA Boys Soccer 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, From the first team meeting held in August 2016, the New Rochelle High School Huguenot Soccer Team set as their goal to rise to the highest pinnacle of success possible in New York State high school soccer; and

WHEREAS, The New Rochelle community places great value in sports, academic success and achievement, both on and off the field, and have long been filled with Huguenot Pride; and

WHEREAS, Generations of New Rochelle athletes have played Huguenot varsity soccer, setting a high standard of excellence through effective ball handling, passing and shooting with explosive speed and agility; and

WHEREAS, The 2016 New Rochelle High School Huguenot Soccer Team is led by Coach Jarohan Garcia, who harnessed the enviable soccer talent and discipline and helped to enhance this remarkable tale of soccer prowess with the team's statewide success this year; and

WHEREAS, The Huguenot Soccer players' 2016 record of athletic success began when they emerged from a deep Class AA field in Section 1 by defeating Mahopac 2-0 in the opening round and then went on to defeat the top-seeded Mamaroneck Tigers by a score of 2-1 in the quarterfinals, after two overtime periods and a score of 4-3 in the penalty kick round; and

WHEREAS, The eighth-seeded Huguenots then traveled to Scarsdale and, after playing to a scoreless tie through two overtimes, advanced to the Section 1 final with a 5-4 win in the penalty kick round; and

WHEREAS, Using their dramatic playoff run as a testament of the team's character and unwillingness to shy away from difficult moments, the Huguenots went on to clinch the Section 1 Championship with a 3-0 win over defending champion, Arlington at Lakeland High School; and

WHEREAS, With confidence at an all-time high, the Huguenots were victorious in the Regional Semifinal with a 3-0 win over Ithaca and then went on to the New York State Regional Championship, earning a hard fought overtime win of 2-1 over Newburgh Free Academy; and

WHEREAS, Down three goals at halftime, the Huguenots rattled off three goals in a span of seven minutes and then scored six minutes into overtime to give the team a thrilling 4-3 victory over Calhoun in the Class AA New York State Semifinal match on November 12, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Ending a 29-year state title drought, New Rochelle followed up their dramatic comeback in the semifinals by defeating Fairport 2-1 in the NYSPHSAA's Class AA Boys Soccer Championship, at Middletown High School on November 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The team, finishing the season with an outstanding 14-4-4 record, were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition instills the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, pride and accomplishment; Head Coach Jarohan Garcia, Assistant Coaches Gustavo Barbosa and Francis McCarthy, Director of Athletics, Steve Young, and all of the outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence that is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the New Rochelle Boys Varsity Soccer Team: Daniel Ayala, Ryan Goldstein, Christian Vargas, Cristian Torres, Leonardo Vargas, Javier Amezcua, Felipe Tobon, Oscar Espinoza, Justin Sirota, Andrew Sirota, Teylan Selman, Jonathan Reyes, Albert Forero, Marcos Garcia, Ethan Manley, Omar Tejeda, Tremaine Bryan, Stevenson Dieudonne, Adrian Morfin, Jose Corado, David Holliday, Cristian Valencia, Davidson Modastil, David Lopez, Harwan Alzuabidi, Omar Espinoza, Moises Reyes, and Manager Abiel Hernandez; Head Coach Jarohan Garcia, Assistant Coaches Gustavo Barbosa and Francis McCarthy, Director of Athletics, Steve Young, Principal Reginald Richardson and Superintendent Dr. Brian Osborne 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, manager, coaches and administrators of the New Rochelle Boys Varsity Soccer Team.