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CONGRATULATING the Jamesville-Dewitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of winning the 2017 Class A New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHAA) Championship

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through rigorous practice, solid teamwork, and a dedicated coaching staff; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those young people within our communities, who by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought great pride to their school district and community; 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, promoting a desire for success, and by developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize and congratulate the Jamesville-Dewitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of winning the 2017 Class A New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHAA) Championship by defeating Pittsford-Mendon High School at Hudson Valley Community College on Saturday March 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The Jamesville-Dewitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team advanced to the State competition after winning the Section III Class A title and the Onondaga High School (OHSL) Freedom League; in the State tournament, the J-D Red Rams defeated two other teams before facing the number one-seeded Pittsford-Mendon Vikings in the final championship game; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Class A Basketball Championship game was a thriller from start to finish; the Red Rams trailed most of the first half, before putting on a furious rally to capture the lead in the third quarter; the Jamesville-Dewitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team eventually beat Pittsford-Mendon in a close finish with a final score of (48-46); and

WHEREAS, For the Jamesville-Dewitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team, this latest State title marks the second consecutive NYSPHAA championship overall, further establishing the program as a New York State powerhouse; and

WHEREAS, The Jamesville-Dewitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team finished its impressive 2016-2017 season with an overall record of 22-6; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the outstanding players of the Jamesville-DeWitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team proved to be an unbeatable combination of talents and determination throughout their successful season, reflecting favorably on their high school and the entire Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District; and

WHEREAS, The extraordinary athletic talent displayed by the Jamesville-DeWitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team is in great part due to the efforts of Head Coach Robert Siechen and Assistant Coach Caroline Cottet; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the Jamesville-DeWitt Girls Varsity Basketball 2016-2017 season, the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, friends and fans from throughout the entire community; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Jamesville-DeWitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team rallied behind one another in establishing a sisterhood of athletes and sportsmanship to demonstrate that these team players are second to none; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to hereby recognize and congratulate the members of the Jamesville-DeWitt Varsity Girls Basketball Team: Sydney Baker, Julia Kelner, Angela Bussone, Andrea Sumida, Gabby Stickle, Paige Keeler, Maya Leslie, Meg Hair, Jamie Boenheim, Momo LaClair, and Kasey Vaughan, Head Coach Robert Siechen and Assistant Coach Caroline Cottet 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 Jamesville-DeWitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team, Head Coach Robert Siechen and Assistant Coach Caroline Cottet.