

BY: Senator PERSAUD

CONGRATULATING the South Shore Varsity Boys Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2019 PSAL AA Championship on March 16, 2019

WHEREAS, Individual and team championships are highly sought after in high school sports; this Legislative Body commends rare athletic achievements and pays special recognition to those who pursue such excellence and become examples for the youth of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition helps to enhance both the moral and physical development of young athletes, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the importance of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the South Shore Varsity Boys Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2019 PSAL AA Championship on Saturday, March 16, 2019, at Madison Square Garden in New York City; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the top seeded Vikings defeated second-seeded Thomas Jefferson High School in a thrilling 71-70 victory to capture the program's first back-to-back title; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of purple and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Vikings throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 29-6 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Pat Trani and his expert coaching staff worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Pat Trani and all of the outstanding athletes on the South Shore Varsity Boys Basketball Team have clearly utilized dedication, determination and teamwork in providing a lasting 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 members of the South Shore Varsity Boys Basketball Team: Dwight Davis Jr., Kadary Richmond, Dante Spencer, Phillips Joseph, Anthony Latty, Femi Odukale, Kipplyn Richvine, Jedidiah Ashton, Michael Emmanuel, Michael Williams Jr., Isaiah Richards, Naquan Pounder, and Jason Palmer; and Head Coach Pat Trani upon the occasion of capturing the 2019 PSAL AA Championship on March 16, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the South Shore Varsity Boys Basketball Team, and Head Coach Pat Trani.