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CONGRATULATING the Poland High School Girls Soccer Team and Head Coach Tom Basel upon the occasion of winning the New York State Class D Girls Soccer Championship

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 Poland High School Girls Soccer Team and Head Coach Tom Basel upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class D Girls Soccer Championship on Sunday, November 17, 2019, in Cortland, New York; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Tornadoes were able to surmount their opponents in the New York State Championship Match and accomplish the utmost high school sporting accomplishment in this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, The Poland High School Girls Soccer Team ended a very successful season finishing a perfect 23-0 and capped their historic season off with a 6-1 triumphant victory over Section 6 Champion Avoca to secure the Class D New York State Girls Soccer Championship; and

WHEREAS, These are not uncharted waters for the Poland High School Girls Soccer Program and Head Coach Tom Basel, who has now won two New York State Championships and obtained a record of 41-0-1 over the course of the past two seasons; and

WHEREAS, The Poland High School Girls Soccer Team are not only champions on the pitch, but off it as well; just before the team's final match, its members helped clean up their community which was hit by devastating floods and heavy winds leaving more than 241,000 homes without power; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as soccer, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, and mental toughness, Head Coach Tom Basel 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 pitch; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Basel and all the outstanding athletes on the Poland High School Girls Soccer 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 Poland High School Girls Soccer Team: Emily Schrader, Carliza Roark, Riley Wisheart, Sara Borner, Erin Powers, Rickelle Wright, Alexis Bates, Brooke Humiston, Jordyn Squire, Victoria Rommel, Madison Altamura, Logan Cookinham, Leah Basel, Shelbi Hagues, Amanda Sweet, Ava Malin, Jessica Batson, Grace Braunlich, Bailey Dunn, Jadyn Lowe; and Head Coach Tom Basel on their extraordinary season; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Poland High School Girls Soccer Team and Head Coach Tom Basel.