LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Longwood High School Varsity Cheerleading Team upon the occasion of winning both the National Championship and Grand National Championship titles at the World Cheerleading Association's 25th Annual national competition

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 moved to honor the Longwood High School Varsity Cheerleading Team upon the occasion of winning both the National Championship and Grand National Championship titles at the World Cheerleading Association's 25th Annual national competition on December 27-29, 2009, in Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, The Longwood High School Varsity Cheerleading Team accrued the highest cumulative scores for their routines in competition against other large high school all-girl squads to win the National Championship title; the Grand National Championship title was awarded to them for earning the highest score among all the teams in their division, including co-ed teams; and

WHEREAS, Loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large, the Longwood High School Varsity Cheerleading Team have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of athletic and academic talents, reflecting favorably on their community; and

WHEREAS, The Longwood High School Varsity Cheerleading Team were comprised of: Heather Accardi, Bianca Benavides, Jenna Cleary, Gemma Erdmann, Ashley Garguilo, Laura Hedges, Ashley Hennessy, Kristin Killackey, Taylar Espanet, Angela Gass, Courtney Peters, Kristen Profige, Ashleigh Jenkins, Christine Romonayske, Taylor Kaiser, Alexa Sanalitro, Jennifer Lenzi, Jamie Shomer, Leana Schnellenbach, Brittany Torney, Dana Wells, and Natalie Zalewski; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when young people who represent their community with pride and determination while participating in competitive sports are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Longwood High School Varsity Cheerleading Team upon the occasion of winning both the National Championship and Grand National Championship titles at the World Cheerleading Association's 25th Annual national competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Longwood High School Varsity Cheerleading Team.