BY: Senator HARCKHAM

CONGRATULATING the Pleasantville Girls Soccer Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class B 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, 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Pleasantville Girls Soccer Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class B Championship on Sunday, November 17, 2019, in Cortland, New York; and

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

WHEREAS, The Pleasantville Panthers ended a very successful season finishing with an overall record of 20-1-2 and capped their historic season off with a 3-2 victory over Section 3 Champion Central Valley Academy to secure the programs first Class B New York State Girls Soccer Championship; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as soccer, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, and mental toughness, Head Coach Chris Osterhoudt 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, Coach Osterhoudt and all of the outstanding athletes on the Pleasantville 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 Pleasantville High School Girls Soccer Team: Lila Donohue, Eliza Murphy, Allison Portera, Katrina Kelly, Riley Vavolizza, Mary Grace O'Neill, Lauren Mathews, Grace Capko, Ella O'Malley, Maddie Braverman, Maya Sauthoff, Julia O'Reilly, Amber Nanaj, Maeve Roney, Avery Manna, Isabelle Kapoor, Elsa Ammirati, Analese Picart, Izzy Pepdjonovic, Katie Moses, Lauren Drillock, Lexie Rippstein,

Carolyn Lee, Summer Deluca, Norah Foley; and Head Coach Chris Osterhoudt upon their outstanding season and overall team record of 20-1-2; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Pleasantville High School Girls Soccer Team, and Head Coach Chris Osterhoudt.