Senate Resolution No. 285

BY: Senator MARTINS

CONGRATULATING the Long Island University Post Cheerleading and Dance Team upon the occasion of winning the Cheerleading and Dance Team National 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 Long Island University Post Cheerleading and Dance Team upon the occasion of winning the Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Sharks defeated their opponents, winning the Open Spirit Game Day division at the UCA/UDA National Championships; and

WHEREAS, This national competition marked the first time the LIU cheerleading and dance teams performed together in the competition, along with their mascot Finley, as part of the new open program competition; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of blue and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Sharks throughout their journey as they ended the competition with an impressive final-round raw score of 184.1333; and

WHEREAS, In sports such as cheerleading and dance, which demand athletic prowess, speed, agility, and coordination, Head Coaches TJ Bettineschi and Kristen Greto and their 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 mat; and

WHEREAS, Coaches TJ Bettineschi and Kristen Greto, along with all the outstanding athletes on the Long Island University Post Cheerleading and Dance 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 Long Island University Post Cheerleading and Dance Team; Head Coaches TJ Bettineschi and Kristen Greto; and Assistant Coaches on their outstanding season and outstanding score; and

be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Long Island University Post Cheerleading and Dance Team, Head Coaches TJ Bettineschi and Kristen Greto, and Assistant Coaches.