

BY: Senator PERSAUD

CONGRATULATING the Thomas Jefferson High School Boys Basketball Team and Coach Lawrence Pollard upon the occasion of capturing the Public School Athletic League (PSAL) Boy's Brooklyn Borough 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 Thomas Jefferson High School Boys Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the Public School Athletic League Boy's Brooklyn Borough Championship on Saturday, February 15, 2025 at Queens College; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Orange Wave defeated the Eagle Academy for Young Men II in a 76-69 victory to capture the Championship; and

WHEREAS, Family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Orange Wave throughout their journey as they ended their impressive season; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Lawrence Pollard and his skilled 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, Coach Lawrence Pollard and all of the outstanding athletes on the Thomas Jefferson High School 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 Thomas Jefferson High School Boys Basketball Team: Lancey Conde, Tamir Harper, Trevor Lewis, Jeremiah Michel, Nyqwan Morris, Joevon Northe, Kendry Ortiz, Paris Roots, Connor Savaughn Sprattley, Jahda Swann, Tudor Tanase, and Malachi Wilson; Head Coach Lawrence Pollard; and Assistant Coaches Seldon Jefferson and Fred Johnson on their outstanding season and capturing the Public School Athletic League Boy's Brooklyn Borough Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Thomas Jefferson High School Boys Basketball Team, Head Coach Lawrence Pollard, and Assistant Coaches Seldon Jefferson and Fred Johnson.