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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the 2012-13 Potsdam Ice Storm 16U Girls Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Tier II Championship

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, 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to congratulate the 2012-13 Potsdam Ice Storm 16U Girls Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Tier II Championship; and WHEREAS, The 2012-13 Potsdam Ice Storm 16U Girls Hockey Team successfully defended its New York State Tier II Championship on their home ice when they went 5-0 as the host of this year's championship tournament on the weekend of March 8-10, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Mike Grant, and Assistant Coaches Shawn Grant and Rick Miller; skilled and inspirational tutors who have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the 2012-13 Potsdam Ice Storm 16U Girls Hockey Team from the opening game of the season to capturing the New York State Tier II Championship, were a sisterhood of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, and honor demonstrating that these team players

are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large, the members of the 2012-13 Potsdam Ice Storm 16U Girls Hockey Team have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of the north country region; 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 congratulate the 2012-13 Potsdam Ice Storm 16U Girls Hockey Team; its members: Kirstin Barkley, Colleen Besaw, McKaylee Boak, Shannon Casey, Allie Compeau, Maddi Dillabough, Bailey Dillabough, Natalie Giglio, Kalie Grant, Kelsey Green, Ellen Greene, Mia Jermano, Ally Miller, Kelley Paduano, Jennifer Tardelli and Emily Wilmshurst; and Head Coach Mike Grant, and Assistant Coaches Shawn Grant and Rick Miller; upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Tier II Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members, coaches and staff of the 2012-13 Potsdam Ice Storm 16U Girls Hockey Team.