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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Pierson-Bridgehampton High School Girls Field Hockey Team and Coach Shannon Judge upon the occasion of capturing the 2013 New York State Class C 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, The Lady Whalers captured the New York State Class C Championship with a 1-0 double overtime victory against Cazenovia at Cicero North Syracuse High School on November 17, 2013; this special victory was Pierson's first state championship in over 35 years and only its second in school history; the boys basketball team won a state title in 1978; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Shannon Judge, a skilled and inspirational mentor, respected for her ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the 2013 Pierson-Bridgehampton High School Girls Field Hockey Team, from the opening game of the season to capturing the Class C Championship, were a sisterhood of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that

these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school and community; and

WHEREAS, Coach Shannon Judge has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Shannon Judge and these outstanding athletes have clearly made a 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 2013 Pierson-Bridgehampton High School Girls Field Hockey Team; its members: Calista Cafiero, Samantha Duchemin, Kasey Gilbride, India Hemby, Allura Leggard, Emmeline Luck, Sheila Mackey, Katherine Matthers, Kirra McGowin, Rachael Miller, Emma Romeo, Hollie Schleicher, Erica Selyukova, Ana Sherwood, Cassandra Spencer, Phiona Vall, and Kerrie Vila, and Coach Shannon Judge, Assistant Coaches Melissa Edwards, and Kaitlin Daniels as well as Scorekeeper Elizabeth Marchisella and Ball Girl Paige Schaefer on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the 2013 Pierson-Bridgehampton High School Girls Field Hockey Team and the aforementioned coaches and staff.