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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mary Jo Cerqua upon the occasion of being named a 2013 national Coach of the Year

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those notable educators and athletic coaches within our midst who serve the youth of this great Empire State and who have distinguished themselves and their schools through their exemplary athletic achievements and their outstanding commitment to education; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Coach Mary Jo Cerqua, a long-time girls volleyball coach at Baldwinsville Central High School, for being named a 2013 National Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations; Coach Cerqua is one of just 21 high school coaches nationwide to receive this honor for the 2012-2013 school year; and

WHEREAS, The National Federation of State High School Associations, a national leadership organization for high school sports and performing arts, has been recognizing coaches through an awards program since 1982; awards are presented to coaches who demonstrate high standards for sportsmanship and ethical conduct; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mary Jo Cerqua, who has served as the Baldwinsville Central School District's girls varsity volleyball coach since 1990, has attained an impressive overall career record that includes 459 wins, 17 conference championships, 15 district championships, and 13 team regional championships; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Coach Mary Jo Cerqua led the Baldwinsville Girls Volleyball Team to the 2013 Class AA State Championship; in the fall of 2012, the team was the state championship runner-up; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure, Coach Mary Jo Cerqua has received several

additional accolades for her coaching excellence, including Section 3 Coach of the Year and State Coach of the Year; she celebrated 450 Wins as a coach on October 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mary Jo Cerqua has been instrumental in launching numerous clubs and programs within the Baldwinsville Central School District, such as 6th and 7th Grade Volleyball Intramurals, 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Volleyball Clinics, and various volleyball camps that are held throughout the school year; she also has remained active in various community organizations, such as the Baldwinsville Girls Volleyball Booster Club, the CNY Blast Volleyball Club and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mary Jo Cerqua's positive demeanor, enthusiastic approach to teaching, selfless commitment, and concern for her student athletes have contributed to her enduring success as a coach and mentor in the Baldwinsville Central School District, earning her the just respect of her community and the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to hereby recognize Coach Mary Jo Cerqua upon the occasion of being named a 2013 National Coach of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Coach Mary Jo Cerqua.