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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Bridget Marquardt upon the occasion of her designation as a Region 1 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 Skaneateles Girls Varsity Lacrosse Team Coach Bridget Marquardt upon the occasion on being named a Region 1 Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations; Coach Marquardt is one of just 5 coaches from New York State to receive this honor for the 2012-13 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, The National Federation of State High School Associations recognizes about 450 coaches with regional awards nationwide, with Region 1 including New York, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Coach Bridget Marquardt joined the Skaneateles School District in 2001 as a high school physical education teacher and the head coach of the Girls Varsity Lacrosse Team, two positions she continues to hold; and

WHEREAS, Coach Bridget Marquardt, who has now served as the coach of

the Skaneateles Girls Varsity Lacrosse Team for 13 years, has attained an impressive overall career record that includes two State Title Championships in 2005 and 2006, several sectional championships, the most recent in 2013, and countless players recruited to play Division I Lacrosse with sport and academic scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the Skaneateles School District, Coach Bridget Marquardt also coached at several other local high schools including, field hockey at Auburn High School and lacrosse and basketball at Jamesville-Dewitt High School; and

WHEREAS, As well as coaching, Coach Bridget Marquardt has participated in and helped organize numerous athletic programs throughout the community, she was instrumental in establishing the Skaneateles Girls Ice Hockey Team that began in 2003, serving as the Section III Women's Lacrosse Chair on the State Committee, and serving as President of the Skaneateles Girls Lacrosse Association, which mentors young athletes and teaches them the finer points of the game; and

WHEREAS, Coach Bridget Marquardt's positive attitude, year-round commitment, excellence in developing exceptional athletes by balancing academics and extra-curricular activities, and overall concern for the well-being of her students have contributed to her enduring success as a coach and teacher in the Skaneateles Central School District, earning the respect of her community and the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize Coach Bridget Marquardt on being named Region 1 Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Coach Bridget Marquardt.