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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Western New York Interscholastic Girls Polo Team and Coaches Terry Mehlenbacher and Robert Donnan upon the occasion of capturing the US Polo Association's Northeast Regional 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 Western New York Interscholastic Girls Polo Team are the US Polo Association's Northeast Regional Champions; and

WHEREAS, The US Polo Association's Northeast Regional polo tournament took place on February 21-23, 2014 at the Cornell University riding area in Ithaca, New York; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coaches Terry Mehlenbacher and Robert Donnan, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their 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 WNY Interscholastic Girls Polo Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the regional 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 schools; and

WHEREAS, Coaches Terry Mehlenbacher and Robert Donnan have 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 Coaches Terry Mehlenbacher and Robert Donnan and their outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is their tradition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the Western New York Interscholastic Girls Polo Team; and Coaches Terry Mehlenbacher and Robert Donnan on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Western New York Interscholastic Girls Polo Team and to Coaches Terry Mehlenbacher and Robert Donnan.