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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Wallkill High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team and Coach A.J. Higby upon the occasion of capturing the Section 9 Class A 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 Wallkill High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team captured the 2014 Section 9 Class A Championship on Saturday March 1, 2014, defeating Cornwall 41-26; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach A.J. Higby, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team was undefeated in Class A play and its overall record, 20-1, is outstanding; the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Wallkill Panthers, from the opening game of the season to participation in the championship, were a sisterhood of athletic ability, good sportsmanship, honor and scholarship, demonstrating that these athletes are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favor-

ably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Coach A.J. Higby and his dedicated staff 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 Coach A.J. Higby and all of the 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 Wallkill High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team; its members: Marlee Smith, Sam Valiando, Courtney Blasko, Brianna Marchionda, Tatiana Williams, Rachel Simon, Julia Annabel, Kelly Markisello, Chelsea Murphy, Heather Kiczek, Bridget McKeever, Jenna Lee, Lauren Diener; and Coach A.J. Higby, and Assistant Coaches Sean Murphy and Megan Crowley on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Wallkill High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team and to Coach A.J. Higby.