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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Valley Stream South Boys Basketball Team and Coach Matt Johnsen upon the occasion of capturing the Nassau County 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 Valley Stream South Boys Basketball Team captured the Nassau County Class A Championship by defeating Hewlett High School 66-56 on Saturday, March 1, 2014, at Adelphi University in Garden City, New York; and

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

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 18-3 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 Valley Stream South Boys Basketball Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the championship, were a brotherhood 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

WHEREAS, Coach Matt Johnsen has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members towards winning both their first conference title and first county championship in school history; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork; pride and accomplishment, and Coach Matt Johnsen 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 Valley Stream South Boys Basketball Team and Coach Matt Johnsen on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Valley Stream South Boys Basketball Team and to Coach Matt Johnsen.