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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Mohawk Valley-New York State Women's 3-on-3 Basketball Team upon the occasion of winning a Bronze Medal at the National Senior Games in Cleveland, Ohio

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 people of all ages across this great State, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Mohawk Valley-New York State Women's 3-on-3 Basketball Squad upon the occasion of their winning a Bronze Medal at the National Senior Games in Cleveland, Ohio, July 24-27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Mohawk Valley-New York State Basketball Team consists of five Central New York women with a shared love of basketball and competition; the team members include Meg Cullinan, Crystal Bass, Andrea Dziekan, Linda Ptak and Karen Poole; and

WHEREAS, These remarkable athletes have won gold medals at the Empire State Senior Games in three of the last four years; the 2012 victory qualified the original three players, Meg Cullinan, Crystal Bass and Linda Ptak for the National Senior Games 3-on-3 Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Competing against 18 other teams from all over the country in the 50-54 age group, these Central New York women battled their way into the semi-final round of the National Senior Games 3-on-3 Tournament; and

WHEREAS, The Mohawk Valley-New York State Team's overall tournament record is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large;

and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend individuals of outstanding character, who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by both peers and young people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Mohawk Valley-New York State Women's 3-on-3 Basketball Team upon the occasion of winning a Bronze Medal at the National Senior Games; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Mohawk Valley-New York State Women's 3-on-3 Basketball Team.