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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Benjamin N. Cardozo High School Boys Basketball Team and Coach Ron Naclerio upon the occasion of capturing the PSAL Boys AA City 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Benjamin N. Cardozo High School Boys Basketball Team and Coach Ron Naclerio upon the occasion of capturing the PSAL Boys AA City Championship by defeating Thomas Jefferson High School 55-54, on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York; this marks the Judges first win since 1999; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin N. Cardozo High School Boys Basketball Team was the first non-Brooklyn high school to win the city championship by sweeping Brooklyn AA division schools Boys and Girls, South Shore, Brooklyn Collegiate, and then Thomas Jefferson; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Naclerio, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; he has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; 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 Benjamin N. Cardozo High School 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, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Ron Naclerio and his 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 Benjamin N. Cardozo High School Boys Basketball Team, its members: Tareq Coburn, Armando Dunn, Carl Edoua Balthazar, Dvonte Foster Smith, Malcolm Hendrick, Tarik Howard, Marzuq Jimoh, Elijah McNeely, Kristian Mondesir, Chidi Nweze, Nicolas Panduri, Abraham Richter, Rashond Salnave, Amir Tutt, Andrew Whisenant, and Francisco Williams, and Coach Ron Naclerio on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Benjamin N. Cardozo High School Boys Basketball Team, and Coach Ron Naclerio.