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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Eden High School Girls Volleyball Team and Coach Stephen Pierce upon the occasion of capturing the 2014 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class C 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 Eden High School Girls Volleyball Team captured the 2014 New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Class C Championship with an exciting straight sets victory over Broadalbin-Perth on Sunday, November 16, 2014, at the Glens Falls Civic Center, Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Eden Raiders have now appeared in 15 consecutive NYSPHSAA tournaments and have earned their sixth consecutive state title; their overall collection of 12 state championships in program history is a New York State all-time best; and

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

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 43-5-2 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 Eden High School Girls Volleyball Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the 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 school; and

WHEREAS, Coach Stephen Pierce has 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 Stephen Pierce 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 Eden High School Girls Volleyball Team and Coach Stephen Pierce on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Eden High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team and to Coach Stephen Pierce.