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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Westhill Boys Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of winning the 2015 Class B New York State Championship

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive team sports can be achieved only through rigorous practice, strong teamwork, and a dedicated coaching staff; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those young people within our communities, who by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought great pride to their school district and community; 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, promoting a desire for success, and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Westhill Boys Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of winning the 2015 Class B New York State Championship at the Glenn Falls Civic Center on March 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Westhill Boys Varsity Basketball Team rallied back from a 10-point first quarter deficit, scoring a 13-point burst in the third quarter, to ultimately beat Woodlands High School with a final score of 70-62, and to seize the 2015 Class B New York State Championship; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 Class B New York State Championship was the Westhill Boys Varsity Basketball Team's second consecutive state title and the team's third state title in just the past six seasons; and

WHEREAS, The Class B New York State Championship advanced the Westhill

Boys Varsity Basketball Team to the Federation Tournament of Champions in Albany, where Westhill was narrowly defeated by Park School of Buffalo in a fierce, tight game with a final score of 56-55 in overtime; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the outstanding players of the Westhill Boys Varsity Basketball Team proved to be an unbeatable combination of talents and determination throughout their (23-2) season, reflecting favorably on their school and the entire Westhill Central School District; and

WHEREAS, The impressive athletic talent displayed by the Westhill Boys Varsity Basketball Team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Kevin King and Volunteer Assistant Coach Kevin Wolfe; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the Westhill Boys Varsity Basketball 2014-2015 season, members of the team were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, friends and fans throughout the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Westhill Boys Varsity Basketball Team rallied behind one another in establishing a brotherhood of athletic ability and sportsmanship to demonstrate that these team players are second to none; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to hereby congratulate the Westhill Boys Varsity Basketball Team, its members: Ryan Roland, Michael Burton, Jeff Lobello, Joe Sweeny, Andrew French, Jordan Roland, Dan O'Connell, Ryan Obrist, Steven Bailey, Tyler Reynolds, Chase Gedney, Brian Daily, Sean Dadey, Antonio Scrimale, Kameron Jackson, and Owen Matukas 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 Westhill Boys Varsity Basketball Team, and Head Coach Kevin King.