

## 2015-K456

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Ossining High School Girls Basketball Team and Coach Dan Ricci upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class AA 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, On March 21, 2015, the Ossining High School Girls Basketball Team won its third consecutive State Championship by beating Rush-Henrietta by a score of 76-54 at Hudson Valley Community College; and

WHEREAS, The Ossining Pride began their quest to the State Tournament by capturing the Section I Championship on March 2, 2015, over Our Lady of Lourdes by the score of 78-61; on March 13, 2015, Ossining won the Regional Title by defeating Horseheads by a score of 74-51; and in the State Semifinal, Ossining defeated Bethlehem Central by a score of 70-54; and

WHEREAS, Playing in their school's colors of maroon and white, the team's overall record of 23-3 was most outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, friends, fans, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Dan Ricci and the outstanding athletes on the Ossining High School Girls Basketball Team 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 Ossining High School Girls Basketball Team, its members: Alexis Bernardo, Samantha Cozzolino, Gabby Ferrao, Kailah Harris, Helen Ishmael, Team Captain Jalay Knowles, Jenna Lividini, Cassidy Martinez, Kelsey Quain, Shadeen Samuels, Alicia Sanchez, Cyan Scarduzio, Team Captain Abby Squirrel, and Jaida Strippoli, Team Captain Madison Strippoli and Team Captain Stefanie Svoboda, along with Coach Dan Ricci and Assistant Coaches Jose Ferrao, Stephanie Leveille, Kelsey Vallach and Pat Wheeler, as well as their team Trainer Luis Iglesias on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Ossining High School Girls Basketball Team and to the aforementioned coaches.