

## 2015-J3121

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Massapequa High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team and Coach Bruce Stegner upon the occasion of capturing the 2015 New York State 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, The Massapequa High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team captured the 2015 New York State Class AA Championship with an exciting 3-1 victory over Baldwinsville on Sunday, November 15, 2015, at the SUNY Cortland Stadium Complex in Cortland, New York; and

WHEREAS, Utilizing outstanding defense and a potent offense, the Massapequa Chiefs won their third consecutive New York State Class AA title, becoming the first soccer team, boys or girls, from Class AA to achieve such a feat; and

WHEREAS, Prior to winning the championship game, the Chiefs faced a long and challenging post-season schedule; after being crowned Nassau County Champions, they defeated West Islip High School by a score of 3-0 to win the Long Island title; the team was also victorious over Clarence High School in the New York State semi-final game by a score of 2-0; and

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

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 19-1-1 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 Massapequa High School Girls Varsity Soccer 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 Bruce Stegner 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 Bruce Stegner 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 Massapequa High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team, its members: Rebecca White, Haylee Poltorak, Julia Hannon, Marisa Fishetti, Morgan Comarda, Brianna Deluna, Brenna Brown, Grace Bernardi, Hope Breslin, Julia Ophals, Kyleigh Gallagher, Olivia Rohrecker, Bianca Furci, Jamie Crisatlo, Julianna Diesel, Haley Schmidt, Melanie Hingher, Skylar Vitiello, Tara McBrien, Cassidy Byrns, Kaitlyn Brandow, Robyn Bruechert, Ashley Cosenza, Haley Murphy, Mikayla Pugliese and Gianna Hiotis; Coach Bruce Stegner, Assistant Coach Ron Forman, Principal Dr. Barbara Williams, Superintendent Lucille F. Iconis, and Athletic Director John

Piropato, CAA, on their championship season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Massapequa High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team and the

aforementioned coaches and staff.