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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Thousand Island-Alexandria Islanders Girls Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Girls Ice Hockey 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 members of the Thousand Island-Alexandria Islanders Hockey Team captured the New York State Girls Ice Hockey Championship on Saturday, February 6, 2016, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, In the championship game, the Lady Islanders faced off against Kenmore-Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, With the score knotted 2-2 in the final period, Thousand Island-Alexandria scored with a shot which tucked the puck between the pads of the Kenmore-Grand Island keeper, providing the game winning goal; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Islanders reached the New York State Girls Ice Hockey Championship game after defeating Beekmantown by a score of 4 to 1 in the Semifinals on Friday, February 5, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by the Lady Islanders Girls Hockey Team is due in great part to the efforts and mentoring of the team's dedicated coaches: and

WHEREAS, The team was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the team throughout the season were their close camaraderie, athletic ability, good sportsmanship, and honor, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment; these outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of the Lady Islanders Hockey Team; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Thousand Islands-Alexandria Islanders Girls Hockey Team, its members: Kelsey Cullen, Mikayla Cipullo, Maddie Coene, Miranda Kolb, Mia Coene, Talia Parker, Emilie Walti, Lindsey Bradley, Taylor Hudon, Maddy Cullen, Emily Rose, Madison Flemming, Keeley Rose, Kaitlin Irvine, Kelsey Bannister, Annika Balk, Kayla McCabe, Sydney Aubertine and Kyleigh Prance, Team Managers: Lydia Cantwell, Addisson Reed and Renzi Youngs, and Coaches: Brian Hudon, Matt Cullen and Jamie Wiley on capturing the New York State Girls Ice Hockey Championship and on their outstanding season; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Thousand Island-Alexandria Islanders Girls Hockey Team, and Coaches Brian Hudon, Matt Cullen and Jamie Wiley.