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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Tuckahoe Tigers Youth Cheerleading Squad upon the occasion of capturing the 2016 Senior Recreational Division National Championship at the National High School Cheerleading Championships

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Tuckahoe Tigers Youth Cheerleading Squad upon the occasion of capturing the 2016 Senior Rec Division National Championship at the National High School Cheerleading Championships on February 6, 2016, at Walt Disney World in Florida; and

WHEREAS, On the following day, the remarkable Tuckahoe Tigers Youth Cheerleaders placed second in the world competition; and

WHEREAS, The Tuckahoe Tigers Youth Cheerleading Squad are proud to be the first team in Tuckahoe's history to win a National title; and

WHEREAS, Started in 2006, the Tuckahoe Tigers Youth Cheerleading Squad is comprised of 21 cheerleaders in grades six through eight, 19 of whom are from Tuckahoe, and two from the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated cheerleaders of the Tuckahoe Tigers Youth Cheerleading Squad practice year round, sacrificing vacation and family time; from September through December, the Squad participates in competitions every weekend; and

WHEREAS, In late November of 2015, the Tuckahoe Tigers Youth Cheerleading Squad competed in a regional competition where they had to score high enough to qualify to participate in the National Cheerleading Championship; and

WHEREAS, In February, the Tuckahoe Tigers Youth Cheerleading Squad travelled to Walt Disney World to compete in the two day championship which is run by the Universal Cheerleading Association; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coaches David Pope, Kaitlyn Partenza, and Lori Romeo, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record 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 Tuckahoe Tigers Youth Cheerleading Squad, from the opening competition 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, Coaches David Pope, Kaitlyn Partenza, and Lori Romeo and their dedicated staff have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when young people who represent their community with pride and determination while participating in competitive sports are brought to our attention, they

should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

congratulate the Tuckahoe Tigers Youth Cheerleading Squad; its members, and Coaches David Pope, Kaitlyn Partenza, and Lori Romeo 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 Tuckahoe Tigers Youth Cheerleading Squad, and to Coaches David Pope, Kaitlyn Partenza, and Lori Romeo.