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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Thousand Islands-Alexandria Bay Girls Varsity Hockey Team upon the occasion of winning the New York State Hockey Championship

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, 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, The Thousand Islands-Alexandria Bay Girls Varsity Hockey Team captured their first New York State Hockey Championship with an exciting 3-2 victory over Kenmore Grand Island High School on Saturday, February 13, 2016, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Islanders advanced to the state championship game by defeating Beekmantown 4-1 in the semi-finals and by shutting out Skaneateles 2-0 in the Section III championship game to avenge their sole loss of the season; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Brian Hudon, and Assistant Coaches Matt Cullen and Jamie Wiley, 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 Thousand Islands-Alexandria Bay Girls Varsity Hockey Team, from the opening game of the season to partic-

ipation 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 Brian Hudon has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of cooperation, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Brian Hudon 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 Thousand Islands-Alexandria Bay Girls Varsity Hockey Team; its members: Mia Coene, Kayla McCabe, Keeley Rose, Miranda Kolb, Taylor Hudon, Maddie Coene, Talia Parker, Kelsey Bannister, Maddy Cullen, Mikayla Cipullo, Emilie Watt, Emily Rose, Annika Balk, Kaitlin Irvine, Lindsey Bradley, Kyleigh Prance, Sydney Aubertine, Kelsey Cullen and Madison Fleming; Coach Brian Hudon; and Assistant Coaches Matt Cullen and Jamie Wiley, on their outstanding championship season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Thousand Islands-Alexandria Bay Girls Varsity Hockey Team, Coach Brian Hudon, and Assistant Coaches Matt Cullen and Jamie Wiley.