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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Ossining High School Girls Basketball Team and Coach Dan Ricci upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class AA Federation 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, Historic in magnitude, on Saturday, March 19, 2016, the Ossining High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team won their first ever New York State Federation Title when they defeated Long Island Lutheran at the Times Union Center in Albany, New York, with a final score of 64-54; and

WHEREAS, Team Pride's quest to the Federation Tournament of Champions became clearer when they defeated North Rockland on February 28th, 77-60, to claim their 6th straight Sectional Championship, followed by a 59-44 victory on March 4th over Monroe-Woodbury for their 5th consecutive Regional Title, and where they sealed the deal on March 12, 2016, when they came from behind to win their fourth consecutive New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class AA State Championship with a 69-44 victory over Shenendehowa; and

WHEREAS, Decorated in maroon and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Pride throughout this journey as they ended their season with an impressive 28-2 overall record; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dan Ricci and the outstanding athletes on the Ossining High School Girls Basketball Team have clearly utilized dedication, determination and teamwork in providing a lasting 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: Alyssa Aurora, Team Captain Alexis Bernardo, Samantha Cozzolino, Team Captain Gabby Ferrao, Aubrey Griffin, Kailah Harris, Helen Ishmael, Cassidy Martinez, Adriana McFadden, Kelsey Quain, Team Captain Shadeen Samuels, Jaida Strippoli, Angela Torricella, and Zaira Turner, along with Head Coach Dan Ricci and Assistant Coaches Pat Wheeler, Jose Ferrao, Kelsey Vallach, as well as their team Trainer Luis Iglesias, and Team Managers Ally Forman and Nick Ferrao 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 the aforementioned coaches.