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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Skaneateles Girls U19 Hockey Team upon the occasion of winning the 2016 New York State Hockey Association Tier II U19 Championship

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive team sports can be achieved only through rigorous training, mental and physical discipline, and a dedicated coaching staff; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those talented young individuals within our midst, who by achieving outstanding success in athletic competitions, have inspired and brought great pride to their entire community; and

WHEREAS, Athletic contests enhance 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, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Skaneateles Girls U19 Hockey Team (Skaneateles U19 Lady Lakers) upon the occasion of winning the 2016 New York State Hockey Association Tier II U19 Championship on March 20, 2016, in Amherst, New York; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Hockey Association Tier II Tournament began with the Skaneateles U19 Lady Lakers earning a hard fought 1-0 victory over the Rochester Grizzlies in Game No. 1; and

WHEREAS, In Game No. 2 of the Tournament, the Skaneateles U19 Lady Lakers suffered a 4-0 defeat by the Massena/St. Lawrence Team, but rallied back with hard work and determination in Game No. 3 to secure a 13-0 victory over the Brewster Lady Bulldogs; and

WHEREAS, The Skaneateles U19 Lady Lakers' record of 2-1 subsequently

qualified the team for the Final Four hockey match, where the team beat the defending champion, Cazenovia, with a nail biting score of 3-2; and WHEREAS, In the final championship game of the New York State Hockey Association Tier II Tournament, the Skaneateles U19 Lady Lakers found themselves face to face again with the same Massena/St. Lawrence Team that previously beat them at the beginning of the tournament; this time, however, the Skaneateles U19 Lady Lakers withstood each and every rush by the opponent and fought tough to produce an impressive 3-0 State Championship victory; and

WHEREAS, The Skaneateles U19 Lady Lakers made history by becoming the first team in the program to advance to the Nationals, which took place from March 31st to April 4th in Burlington, Vermont; and

WHEREAS, No team can succeed without outstanding talent throughout its entire roster, as was the case for the Skaneateles U19 Lady Lakers whose members included: Melissa Amory; Devin Baylor; Hannah Croteau, Whitney Daino, Melinda Fisher, Sophie Goris, Johna Halko, Maryn Kerr, Mallory Kovacs, Abigail Kuhns, Carley Mills, Kyleigh Prance, Christina Ravessi, Tara Riley, Grace Schnorr and Mariah Smola; and

WHEREAS, Throughout their entire season, members of the Skaneateles U19 Lady Lakers demonstrated strong play, impressive effort and excellent sportsmanship to finish out a successful season and bring great pride to their community; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by the Skaneateles U19 Lady Lakers team is in great part due to the efforts of their coaches, Head Coach Beau Baylor and Assistant Coaches Jim Mills, Pat McHale and Pete Kuhns, who are skilled mentors respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, These coaches did a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring members of the Skaneateles U19 Lady Lakers toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Athletically, the dedicated members of the Skaneateles U19

Lady Lakers proved to be a terrific combination of talent, who were consistently supported by their loyal family and friends within the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Skaneateles Girls U19 Hockey Team upon the occasion of winning the 2016 New York State Hockey Association Tier II U19 Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to each member of the Skaneateles Girls U19 Hockey Team; Head Coach Beau Baylor; and Assistant Coaches Jim Mills, Pat McHale and Pete Kuhns.