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Assembly Resolution No. 464

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CONGRATULATING the St. Gregory's 4th Grade Boys Basketball Team and Head Coach Thomas Jackson upon the occasion of capturing the Catholic Youth Organization State Championship

WHEREAS, Individual and team championships are highly sought after in organized sports; this Legislative Body commends rare athletic achievements and pays special recognition to those who pursue such excellence and become examples for the youth of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition helps to enhance both the moral and physical development of young athletes, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the importance of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the St. Gregory's 4th Grade Boys Basketball Team and Head Coach Thomas Jackson upon the occasion of capturing the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) State Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the team defeated Immaculate Conception of Tuckahoe, New York, in a 41-27 victory to capture the Championship on Sunday, March 19, 2017, at Mount St. Michael Academy in the Bronx, New York; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the St. Gregory's 4th Grade Boys Basketball Team throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 24-0 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this extraordinary team defeated St. Francis of West Nyack, New York, in the Rockland County Championship, and defended their title against St. Mary of Marlboro from Ulster County, New York, and St. Mary of Fishkill, New York in the CYO Upstate Finals; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Thomas Jackson and his skilled coaching staff worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Thomas Jackson and all of the outstanding athletes on the St. Gregory's 4th Grade Boys 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 members of the St. Gregory's 4th Grade Boys Basketball Team: Joseph Castaldo, Ryan Maltbie, Ryan Jackson, Jake Harold, Nick Becker, Ryan Sidoti, Matthew Bertolino, Sean Radwan, Michael Rooney and Joseph Savignano; Head Coach Thomas Jackson; and Assistant Coaches Hugh

Harold and Kevin Kelly 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 St. Gregory's 4th Grade Boys Basketball Team, Head Coach Thomas Jackson, and Assistant Coaches Hugh Harold and Kevin Kelly.