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Senate Resolution No. 4448

BY: Senator KENNEDY

CONGRATULATING the St. Mary's School for the Deaf Boys Basketball Team and Coach Kevin LeRoy upon the occasion of capturing the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association Division II Championship

WHEREAS, Individual and team championships are highly sought after in high school 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. Mary's School for the Deaf Boys Basketball Team and Coach Kevin LeRoy upon the occasion of capturing the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association Division II Championship; and

WHEREAS, The Bisons dominated this year's championships, held at Rhode Island School for the Deaf the weekend of February 16-18, 2018, winning all three of its games by a combined 84 points, with the lowest

margin of victory being 16 in the title-clinching 43-27 win over Katzenbach School for the Deaf; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of blue, yellow and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Bisons throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 11-3 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Kevin LeRoy and his expert 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 court; and

WHEREAS, Coach Kevin LeRoy and all of the outstanding athletes on the St. Mary's School for the Deaf 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. Mary's School for the Deaf Boys Basketball Team: Kassim Kassim, Nick Barrus, Dalton Planty, Ethan Antone, Adnan Abdi, Christian Lawrence, Michael Norris, Ryan Brzezinski, Isa Habeeb, Francis Nguyen, Givon Blackwell, Jonathan Allen, Tyler Burgard; Head Coach Kevin LeRoy, Assistant Coach Jim Carmody and Manager Jack Kawalec 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. Mary's School for the Deaf Boys Basketball Team, Head Coach Kevin LeRoy, Assistant Coach Jim Carmody and

Manager Jack Kawalec.