

# State of New York

Senate No. 3329

Assembly No. 869

**BY:** Senator Farley

**BY:** Tedisco, Blake, Corwin, DiPietro, Fahy, Fitzpatrick, Galef, Johns, Lupinacci, Miller, Montesano, Raia, Stec, Tenney and Weprin

**CONGRATULATING** the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Girls Varsity Volleyball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2015 New York State Class A 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,** The Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Girls Varsity Volleyball Team captured the 2015 New York State Class A Championship with an impressive 25-16, 25-17, 25-19 victory sweep over Walter Panas High School on Sunday, November 22, 2015, at the Glens Falls Civic Center in Glens Falls, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Utilizing outstanding talent and exceptional team play, the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Spartans capped a spectacular season by winning their sixth state title in school history in addition to setting a new program record for most victories in a season; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Girls Varsity Volleyball Team was named champions of the Harold Van Earden Tournament, Baldwinsville Tournament, John Glenn Tournament, Suburban Council Grey Division, and State Regionals; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to their many athletic accomplishments, the Spartans displayed extraordinary academic effort by achieving a Scholar-Athlete team grade point average of 97.61 percent; they have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

**WHEREAS,** The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Gary Bynon, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** The team's overall record of 31-1 is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition, the Spartans were supported by their school's administration and board members, including: Superintendent of Schools, Patrick McGrath; School Board President, John Blowers; School Board Vice President, Peter Sawyer; Board Members, Jennifer Bradt, William Farmer, James Maughan, Jennifer Longtin, and Lee-Ann Mertzluft; High School Principal, Timothy Brunson; and Athletic Director, Joe Scalise; and

**WHEREAS**, The hallmarks of the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Girls Varsity Volleyball Team, from the opening game of the season to participation 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**, Coach Gary Bynon has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

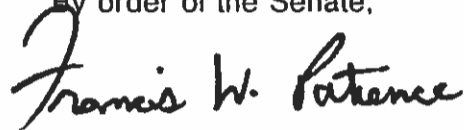
**WHEREAS**, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Gary Bynon and these exceptional athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Girls Varsity Volleyball Team; its members: Natalie Albright, Ashlynn Apffel, Niki Blatnick, Myla Dobson, Jessica Fowler, Miya Hugaboom, Kate Isaksen, Meghan Keyes, Olivia Lewandowski, Alexandra Pawlusik, Avery Pollard, Natalie Schurman, Hannah Shell, Kiera Walsh, Kelly Waters; Coach Gary Bynon, and Assistant Coaches Melissa Armstrong, Sue Gestwick and Maria Allocco on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Girls Varsity Volleyball Team and the aforementioned coaches.

**ADOPTED IN SENATE ON**  
January 21, 2016

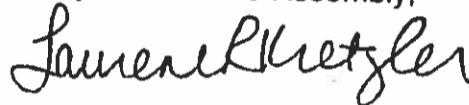
By order of the Senate,



Francis W. Patience, *Secretary*

**ADOPTED IN ASSEMBLY ON**  
January 20, 2016

By order of the Assembly,



Laurene R. Kretzler, *Clerk*

