

## 2009-J1884

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Newark High School Varsity Girls' Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2008-09 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, On Saturday, March 21, 2009, in the title game held at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, New York, the Newark High School Varsity Girls' Basketball Team captured the New York State Class A Championship by defeating Albertus Magnus by a score of 75-68; and

WHEREAS, The "Reds" of Newark High School were led by their Head Coach Diane Kirnie, a skilled and inspirational mentor, respected for her ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The 2008-09 Newark High School Varsity Girls' Basketball Team overall record is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the 2008-2009 Newark High School Varsity Girls' Basketball Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in league play and winning the Class A 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, Athletically and academically, the team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school and community; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Diane Kirnie has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the members of the 2008-2009 Newark High School Varsity Girls' Basketball Team toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment; Head Coach Diane Kirnie and the 2008-2009 Newark High School Varsity Girls' Basketball Team outstanding 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 2008-2009 Newark High School Varsity Girls' Basketball Team; its members: Alyssa Fenyn, Sarah Tanea, Kira Lauer, Shakista Woolfolk, Heather Virts, Marissa Bunce, Maddy Amo, Rachel MacBride, Jessica Graham, Nikki Clark, Maggie Van Kouwenberg, Amanda Robson, Brynn Lauer, Allison Miller, and Sabrina Macaulay; and Head Coach Diane Kirnie; on their New York State Class A Championship, outstanding season, and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members and head coach of the 2008-2009 Newark High School Varsity Girls' Basketball Team.