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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the John A. Coleman Catholic High School Girls Basketball Team and Coach Guy Leonard upon the occasion of capturing the 2009 New York State Class D 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 John A. Coleman Catholic High School Girls Basketball Team are the 2009 New York State Class D Champions after defeating Sherman High School from Section VI, 39-36, at Hudson Valley Community College; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Guy Leonard and his team of outstanding assistant coaches, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's 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 John A. Coleman Catholic High School Girls Basketball 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, Athletically and academically, the team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on John A. Coleman Catholic High School; and

WHEREAS, Coach Guy Leonard and his dedicated staff have 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 Guy Leonard and the outstanding athletes on the John A. Coleman Catholic High School Girls Basketball Team 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 John A. Coleman Catholic High School Girls Basketball Team; its members: Taylor Leonard, Melody O'Connor, Lauren Carnevali, Miranda Bernholz, Anne Shults, Melanie Kuhn, Stephanie Siracusano, Kate Shults, Katherine Keegan-Twombly, Dayna Callahan, Lindsay Tschinkel, Ana Saccoman, Crystal Juliano, Katie Davis; Assistant Coaches: Bob O'Connor and Bill Kahrs; and Coach Guy Leonard on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the John A. Coleman Catholic High School Girls Basketball Team and Coach Guy Leonard.