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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Boys' Basketball Team from the Center Moriches Union Free School District upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Section XI Class B 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 2008-2009 Boys' Basketball Team from the Center Moriches Union Free School District captured the New York State Section XI Class B Championship; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the 2008-2009 Boys' Basketball Team from the Center Moriches Union Free School District had an outstanding league record of 12-2, an overall record of 15-7, and were League 7 Co-Champions, as well; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach John Ward-Adams, and Assistant Coaches Nick Thomas, Ron Gholson, Mike Miller, Keith Savage, and Dave DeJohn, Sr., skilled and inspirational mentors, 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 2008-2009 Boys' Basketball Team from the Center Moriches Union Free School District, from the opening game of the

season to participation in league play and winning the Section XI Class B Championship, were a brotherhood 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 John Ward-Adams and his talented and dedicated coaching staff have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the members of the 2008-2009 Boys' Basketball Team from the Center Moriches Union Free School District toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment; Head Coach John Ward-Adams and his coaching staff, and the 2008-2009 Boys' Basketball Team from the Center Moriches Union Free School District's 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 Boys' Basketball Team from the Center Moriches Union Free School District; its members: Jordon Ward-Adams, Jon Ward-Adams, Eddie Smith, Jon Seward, Andrew Porozzi, Joe Gonzalez, Harvey Houpe, Eric Adams, Myles Bell, and Malik Harris; Athletic Director, Nick Decillis; Head Coach John Ward-Adams, and Assistant Coaches Nick Thomas, Ron Gholson, Mike Miller, Keith Savage, and Dave DeJohn, Sr.; on their New York State Section XI Class B Championship, outstanding season, and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members, coaching staff and athletic director of the

2008-2009 Boys' Basketball Team from the Center Moriches Union Free School District.