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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Arkport High School Girls Soccer Team and Coach Melody Harwood 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 Section V Champions, the Arkport High School Girls Soccer Team defeated Chazy High School, 1-0, to capture its second New York State title in the last four years; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Melody Harwood and her 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 Arkport High School Girls Soccer 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 Arkport High School; and

WHEREAS, Coach Melody Harwood and her 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 Melody Harwood and the outstanding athletes on the Arkport High School Girls Soccer 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 Arkport High School Girls Soccer Team; its members: Mikaela Lewis, Morgan VanScoter, Brittney Smith, Danielle Henry, Allison Horvath, Jenna Brokaw, Alyssa Hawley, Brittany Aumirk, Alexis Flint, Brianna VanScoter, Belle Valentine, Emily Wolf, Britni Burch, Rachel Karr, Katie Talbot, Brooke Lovell, Jordan Harwood, Chloe Geist, Allison McDaniel, Ashley Swarts, Kassy Heller, Micaela Smallman; Managers: Jenna Theilen, Brooke Geibel, Sable Bugman and Cassidy Hawley; Scorekeeper Amanda Swarts; Assistant Coaches: Katie Crowell, Katie Gee and Jesse Harper; and Coach Melody Harwood on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Arkport High School Girls Soccer Team and to Coach Melody Harwood.