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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Eden Girls Volleyball Team and Coach Stephen Pierce upon the occasion of winning its seventh New York State 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 Eden Girls Volleyball Team are the New York State Class B Champions; they avenged last season's state final loss to Hendrick Hudson by defeating them this year 25-15, 25-7, and 25-22; and

WHEREAS, Prepvolleyball.com ranked the Lady Raiders 65th in the country, the only program from New York selected in the top 100; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Stephen Pierce, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his 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 Eden Girls 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, Athletically and academically, the team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Coach Stephen Pierce 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 Stephen Pierce and the outstanding athletes on the Eden Girls Volleyball 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 Eden Girls Volleyball Team; its members: Anna King, Hannah Herc, Kendall Pierce, Hailee Herc, Lainy Pierce, Tori Eschner, Heather Feldman, Katie Eschner, Stacey Smith, Heather Holscher, Christine Schaefer, Becca Shoemaker, Hanna Lauber and Coaches Stephen Pierce and Johanna Funke on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Eden Girls Volleyball Team and to the aforementioned coaches.