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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the New York Mills Varsity Boys' Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2011 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, On March 19, 2011, the New York Mills Varsity Boys' Basketball Team captured the Class D New York State Public High School Athletic Association Boy's Basketball Championship with a 47-42 win over Coleman Catholic High School at the Glens Falls Civic Center; and

WHEREAS, Capping a perfect 24-0 season, the Marauders of New York Mills won their first New York State championship since 1982; the win was their 47th in the last 48 games and their 55th win in the last 57 games; their only losses during this amazing streak were to the 2009 and 2010 state champions, South Kortright and Maple Grove; and

WHEREAS, The New York Mills Varsity Boys' Basketball Team hadn't played in a New York State championship game since its legendary coach, Mike Tomassetti's team beat Tuckahoe in 1982; and

WHEREAS, The Head Coach of the 2010-2011 New York Mills Varsity Boys' Basketball Team, Mike Adey, is to be inducted into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame; Coach Adey's record in 30 years as a high school basketball coach is an outstanding 462-156, and his record at New York Mills in 13 years is 238-59; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by the 2010-2011 New York Mills Varsity Boys' Basketball Team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Mike Adey, Associate Head Coach, Brian Adey, and Assistant Coaches, Charlie Ferguson, Michael Keating and John Stevener; skilled and inspirational mentors, respected for their ability to develop poten-

tial 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 2010-2011 New York Mills Varsity Boys' Basketball Team, from the opening game of the season to capturing the Class D New York State Public High School Athletic Association Boy's Basketball 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 Mike Adey and his coaching staff have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the 2010-2011 New York Mills Varsity Boys' Basketball Team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment; Head Coach Mike Adey, his coaching staff, and the 2010-2011 New York Mills Varsity Boys' Basketball Team'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 2010-2011 New York Mills Varsity Boys' Basketball Team;

its members: Jonathan Ross, Shane Joswick, James Fellone, Nicholas Etienne, Addison Wolanin, Jacob Kehrli, Richard Matrassi, Cody Mariotti, Justin Stevener, Captain Jeffrey Albright, Captain Fred Russ, and Matthew Welch; Head Coach, Mike Adey, Associate Head Coach, Brian Adey and Assistant Coaches, Charlie Ferguson, Michael Keating and John Stevener; Head Manager, Cameron Jennings, and Assistant Managers, George Albert, Nathan Hartman, Casey Rice and Joe Tolpa; on their New York State Class D championship, their outstanding season and league championship, and their overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members, coaching staff and managers of the 2010-2011 New York Mills Varsity Boys' Basketball Team.