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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Gananda High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2011 New York State Class C 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 2010-2011 Gananda High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team won its first ever New York State basketball title with a convincing 61-51 over Section IV Harpursville at the Class C tournament finals held at Hudson Valley Community College; and

WHEREAS, The Panthers of the Gananda High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team finished their 2010-2011 season undefeated with an outstanding 25-0 record; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by the 2010-2011 Gananda High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team is due in great part to the efforts of its coaching staff, Head Coach, Tony Morabito; Assistant Coach, Karin Meuwissen; Assistant Coach, Patrick Muldowny; and Assistant Coach, Kim Crowley, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and WHEREAS, The overall record of the 2010-2011 Gananda High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team was 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 Gananda High School Girls'
Varsity Basketball Team, from the opening game of the season to capturing the 2011 New York State Class C 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 2010-2011 Gananda High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school and their community; and

WHEREAS, The coaching staff of the 2010-2011 Gananda High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team 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; the 2010-2011 Gananda High School Girls' Varsity 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 Gananda High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team, and its members: Julia Pagano, Taylor Goebel, Jamie Cannan, Shawna Van Etten, Shannon McGinnis, Tiffany Gregoire, Audrey Allen, Melissa Reeves, Tiffany Burkes, Devin Vogt, Kourtney Goebel, Jessi Butler, Michelle Suchan, Emily Donnan, Jordyn Ruston, and Lindsey Mason; and Head Coach, Tony Morabito; Assistant Coach, Karin Meuwissen; Assistant Coach, Patrick Muldowny; and Assistant Coach, Kim Crowley on their outstanding season, overall team record and capturing the 2011 New York State Class C Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members and coaching staff of the 2010-2011 Gananda High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team.