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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Massapequa High School Girls Soccer Team and Coach Bruce Stegner upon the occasion of winning the New York State Class AA Championship on November 16, 2014

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, 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Massapequa High School Girls Soccer Team and Coach Bruce Stegner upon the occasion of winning the New York State Class AA Championship; the finals were held on Sunday, November 16, 2014, in Cortland, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Massapequa High School Girls Soccer Team captured its second consecutive New York State Public High School Athletic Association Championship with an exciting 1-0 victory over North Rockland High School; and

WHEREAS, With this victory, the Massapequa High School Girls Soccer Team have secured their sixth championship in 11 years; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Bruce Stegner and Assistant Coach Kerry Regan, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 18-1-3 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 Massapequa 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 their school; and

WHEREAS, Coach Bruce Stegner has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of cooperation, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Bruce Stegner and these 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 Massapequa High School Girls Soccer Team; its members: Rebecca White, Cara Gallagher, Melanie Hingher, Bianca Furci, Olivia Stegner, Sara Mangialardi, Jessica Ammendola, Mackenzie Palmer, Meghan McCabe, Margaret Shanley, Julie Turano, Kristen Bishoff, Skylar Vitiello, Rose Mahan, Laretta Kraemer, Diana Burke, Hope Breslin, Ashley Cosenza, Christina Ferrara, Marisa Fischetti, Tara McBrien, Julia Ophals, Mikayla Pugliese, Olivia Rohrecker and Haley Schmidt; Assistant Coach Kerry Regan; and Coach Bruce Stegner for winning the New York State Class AA Championship, as well as on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Massapequa High School Girls Soccer Team and to the aforementioned coaches.