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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Stillwater High School Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Ian Lewis upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's 2014 Coach of the Year Award

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize those individuals within our midst who have contributed greatly to the quality of our lives by providing exceptional leadership and commitment to our youth; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those notable educators and athletic coaches within our midst who serve the youth of this great Empire State and who have distinguished themselves and their schools through their exemplary athletic achievements and their outstanding commitment to education; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Stillwater High School Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Ian Lewis upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 National Soccer Coaches Association of America Coach of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion was celebrated at an awards ceremony held on Saturday, November 15, 2014, in Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1941, the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) is the world's largest soccer coaches' organization serving members at every level of the game; it works diligently to inspire passion in coaches and players by providing an unparalleled nationwide program of clinics, courses and other educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The NSCAA Coach of the Year Award is a prestigious honor given to one small schools coach, and one large schools coach in New

York State; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ian Lewis led the Stillwater High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team to an undefeated record of 16-0 and in capturing the Wasaren League Championship for the second time in school history; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Coach Ian Lewis's outstanding guidance helped his players from the previous year receive the NSCAA Gold Team Ethics Award for completing the entire 2013 fall season without receiving either a yellow or red card; his squad was one of 16 high school teams, and one of only three boys teams in the country to receive this honor; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ian Lewis's positive attitude, selfless commitment, goal-oriented and balanced approach to instruction, on top of his genuine concern for his students have contributed to his enduring success as a coach and mentor at Stillwater High School, earning him the just respect of his community and the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Stillwater High School Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Ian Lewis upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's 2014 Coach of the Year Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Stillwater High School Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Ian Lewis.