

## 2015-J869

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the St. Joseph Hill Academy Varsity Cheerleading Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2015 UCA National High School Cheerleading 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 Sunday, February 8, 2015, the St. Joseph Hill Academy Varsity Cheerleading Team won first place at the 2015 UCA National High School Cheerleading Competition at the Walt Disney World Resort, marking the first time in tournament history a team from Staten Island took first-place honors; and

WHEREAS, The St. Joseph Hill Academy Varsity Cheerleading Team swept the preliminary stage of the competition and went straight to the finals where they won over the judges with their two minute and 30-second routine; St. Joseph Hill beat out eight other teams for the Super Varsity Division II title; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coaches Kimberly Rex, Michele Lynch, Danielle Morelli, Tara Peters, Clarisse Ruby, Donna Tabacco, and Kristen Daunt, skilled and inspirational mentors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; together, they have done a superb job in guiding, molding, and inspiring the squad members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, The St. Joseph Hill Academy Varsity Cheerleading Team lives by their mantra, "The Good teams practice until they get it right. Great teams practice until they can't get it wrong."; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by Principal Angela T. Ferrando, as well as the entire faculty and staff at St. Joseph Hill Academy, and family members and fans, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the 2015 St. Joseph Hill Academy Varsity Cheerleading Team, from the opening competition of the season to participation in the championship, were an extraordinary combination of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating these team members 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, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coaches Kimberly Rex, Michele Lynch, Danielle Morelli, Tara Peters, Clarisse Ruby, Donna Tabacco, and Kristen Daunt, and the 2015 St. Joseph Hill Academy Varsity Cheerleading 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 2015 St. Joseph Hill Academy Varsity Cheerleading Team, its members Kaitlynn Wagner, Kristina Trotta, Shannon Stucin, Alyssa Squatrito, Julianne Schneider, Shannon Quirk, Joie Passalacqua, Nicole Palazzo, Stephanie Monforte, KellyAnn Karasinski, Kelsey Heinbockel, Lauren Guardino, Kai Bingham, Nicole Nelson, Brooke Wildes, Alyssa Spoto, Samantha Schneider, Julia Rodriquez, Mia Loverdi, Kayla Intrav-

aia, Nicolette Colella, Gina Cerenzio, MaryRose Caria, Victoria Asaro, Ariana Alvarado, Courtney Ahern, Alyssa Zarcone, Victoria Tabacco, Taylor Kelly, and Nicole Gasparino; their Coaches Kimberly Rex, Michele

Lynch, Danielle Morelli, Tara Peters, Clarisse Ruby, Donna Tabacco, and Kristen Daunt; on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the St. Joseph Hill Academy Varsity Cheerleading Team; Coaches Kimberly Rex, Michele Lynch, Danielle Morelli, Tara Peters, Clarisse Ruby, Donna Tabacco, and Kristen Daunt; and Principal Angela T. Ferrando.