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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Shenendehowa High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team and Coach Tony Dzikas upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class AA State 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Shenendehowa High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team and Coach Tony Dzikas upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class AA State Championship on Sunday, March 22, 2015, at the Glens Falls Civic Center, Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Shenendehowa High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team won their first New York State Championship since 1987 with an exciting 76-63 victory over Brentwood High School; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 25-1 is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by the Plainsmen is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Tony Dzikas, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Shenendehowa High School Boys Varsity

Basketball Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the 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 Shenendehowa High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Coach Tony Dzikas has 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, and Coach Tony Dzikas 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 Shenendehowa High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team; its members: Kevin Huerter, Erik Kromer, Drew Lewis, Luke Hicks, Mike Pizziketti, Thomas Huerter, Evan Paddock, Petar Bebic, Matt Alverson, Mike Collins, Michael Gillooley, Brandon Fischer, Evan Warner, and Mike Spulnick; Coach Tony Dzikas, and Assistant Coaches Don Joss, Josh Koopman, Yac Sangare, Dolph Beyer, and Ryan Losanno on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to members of the Shenendehowa High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, and Coach Tony Dzikas.