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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the St. Mary's High School Girls Basketball Team and Coach Tom Flynn upon the occasion of capturing the NSCHSGAA Class AA 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 St. Mary's High School Girls Basketball Team and Coach Tom Flynn upon the occasion of capturing the NSCHSGAA Class AA Championship on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, at Farmingdale State College, Farmingdale, New York; and

WHEREAS, The St. Mary's Lady Gaels won their second consecutive NSCHSGAA Class AA Championship with an exciting 54-45 victory over St. Anthony's High School in the title game; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Tom Flynn and his staff, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record 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 St. Mary's High School Girls Basketball 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 Tom Flynn 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 Tom Flynn 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 St. Mary's High School Girls Basketball Team; its members: Vanessa Long, Victoria Sacremone, Jahnica Marimon, McKayla Hernandez, Charlotte Renker, Elizabeth Limonta, Mei-Lyn Bautista, Tamia Cutignola, Megan Cain, Paula Barbosa, Jordon Agustus; Coach Tom Flynn, and Assistant Coaches Hugh Flaherty and Shannon Flynn, 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. Mary's High School Girls Basketball Team, Coach Tom Flynn, and Assistant Coaches Hugh Flaherty and Shannon Flynn.