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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Pelham Memorial High School Boys Varsity Rugby Team upon the occasion of capturing the Division 1, Tier 2 New York 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 Pelham Memorial High School Boys Varsity Rugby Team upon the occasion of capturing the Division 1, Tier 2 New York State Championship on Sunday, June 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Pelham Memorial High School Boys Varsity Rugby Team won its first Division 1, Tier 2 New York State title with an exciting 22-21 victory over local rival New Rochelle in the final moments of the championship game; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Matt Persanis and his staff, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; they have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; 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 Pelham Memorial High School Boys Varsity

Rugby 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 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 Coach Matt Persanis 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 Pelham Memorial High School Boys Varsity Rugby Team; its members: Josh Quinn, Morgan Collins, Alex Pasa, Joseph Nelson, Andres Samudio, Kevin Ndou, Matt Biskup, North Westall, Luke Persanis, Cian Burns, JT Perez, Whit Johnson, Justin Johnson, David Monaco, Harry Fanning, Matt Rabinowitz, Jake Soifer, Daniel Maydwell, Riley Burke, Matt Scampoli, Moises Soto, Ryan Killeen, Moriyah Tulloch, Jake Galiani, Christian Battaglia; Head Coach Matthew Persanis, and Assistant Coaches Keith Killeen, Matt Westfall and Jamie McClellen, 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 Pelham Memorial High School Boys Varsity Rugby Team, and the aforementioned coaches.