

## 2015-J3249

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Owego Free Academy Girls Volleyball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2015 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class B 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, The Owego Free Academy Girls Volleyball Team captured the 2015 New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Class B Championship with an exciting 25-21 victory over Long Island powerhouse John Glenn on Sunday, November 22, 2015, at the Glens Falls Civic Center, Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Owego Indians have now appeared in three consecutive NYSPHSAA tournaments and have earned their second consecutive state title; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Brittney Race, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for her ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 19-0 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 Owego Free Academy Girls Volleyball Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the cham-

pionship, 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, Head Coach Brittney Race 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 Brittney Race 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 Owego Free Academy Girls Volleyball Team; its members: Summer Manville, Makenna Kallin, Sarah Kies, Madison Delaney-Hammond, Brinn Shaughnessy, Paige Taylor, Bella Coleman, McKenzie Hart, Grace Thomas, Kim Lavender, Kayla Snyder, Michayla Jenkins, Savannah Terry, Ruby Coleman; Head Coach Brittney Race; and Assistant Coaches Breanna Horton, Pam Horton and Erica Darpino 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 Owego Free Academy Girls Volleyball Team, Head Coach Brittney Race, and Assistant Coaches Breanna Horton, Pam Horton and Erica Darpino.