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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Walt Whitman High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2015 New York State 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, The Walt Whitman High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team captured the 2015 New York State Class AA Championship with an impressive 5-1 triumph over Ballston Spa on Sunday, November 15, 2015, in Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, With this victory, the Walt Whitman Wildcats have achieved their first state championship in soccer program history; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coaches John DiGiacomo and Brian Karcz, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 12-1-1 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 2015 Walt Whitman High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team, from the opening game of the season, to participation in the state 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 community; and

WHEREAS, Coaches John DiGiacomo and Brian Karcz have 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 these outstanding athletes, coaches, and staff 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 Walt Whitman High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team; its members: Henry Alfaro, Eduardo Alfaro, Blake Aronson, Emanuel Campo, Luis Castro Guevara, Robert Cerrito, Fabrizio Chamorro, Jonathan Conso-
lo, Marc De Pasquale, Olvin Dominguez, Javier Dubon, Akeem Harris, Witman Hernandez, Kevin Herrera, Michael Lorello, Marion Mahadeo, Anthony Palazzolo, Johan Renderos, Isaias Noel Reyes, Austin Salas, Matthew Schindler, Christopher Shea, Inmar Ticas, Sergio Toledo, Sean Zagorski; and Coaches John DiGiacomo and Brian Karcz; JV Coach Robert Tedesco; Stimson Coach Seth Goldman; Timekeeper Tom Fitzpatrick; Volunteer Coaches Dan Zagorski and Alan Heavey; Superintendent Dr. David P. Bennardo; Principal John Murphy; Athletic Trainer Peter White; and Statistician/Videographer John Boyle, on their championship season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the 2015 Walt Whitman High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team,

Coaches John DiGiacomo and Brian Karcz and the aforementioned coaches and staff.