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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Fort Ann High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2015 New York State Class D 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 Fort Ann High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team captured the New York State Class D Championship with an exciting 1-0 triumph over Elizabethtown/Westport on Sunday, November 15, 2015, at Faller Field in Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, With this victory, the Fort Ann Cardinals have achieved their first state boys soccer title in school history to complete an unforgettable perfect season; the team also set a new Section II record for goals scored with 140, and new school records with 23 consecutive wins and 19 shutouts; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Rich McCabe, and Assistant Coaches Bill Lunt and Dave Morse, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall undefeated record of 23-0 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 2015 Fort Ann 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, Head Coach Rich McCabe, and Assistant Coaches Bill Lunt and Dave Morse 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 Fort Ann High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team; its members: Jon Allen, Hunter Agnew, Tanner Lunt, Cameron Wilcox, Troy Bauer, Ted Collette, Garrett Bailey, Seth Godfrey, Carter Bush, Blake Porter, Jake Vorraro, Sawyer Lunt, Billy Wright, Andrew Strainer, Nick Lehoisky, Tyler Mattison, Jeremy Johnson, Brendan Wright, Tyler Ward, Cooper Collette, and Luke Loso; Head Coach Rich McCabe; Assistant Coaches Bill Lunt and Dave Morse; Athletic Director Jason Humiston; Scorekeeper D. Frost; and Managers R. Blondin, J. Lunt, J. Dornan, and J. Dornan, 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 Fort Ann High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team, Head Coach Rich McCabe, and the aforementioned coaches and staff.