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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Kenmore/Grand Island Girls Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2016 New York State Section VI Championship

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, 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, The Kenmore/Grand Island Girls Hockey Team captured the New York State Section VI title with an exciting 4-2 victory over Orchard Park/Frontier on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at Northtown Center at Amherst in Williamsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, With this victory, the Kenmore Girls Hockey Team has captured its fifth consecutive state title and the first for the combined Kenmore/Grand Island Team; the team members also earned a trip to the state tournament final four in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coaches Jeff Orlowski and Matt Miller, 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 Kenmore/Grand Island Girls Hockey Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the champion-

ship, 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 schools; and

WHEREAS, Coaches Jeff Orlowski and Matt Miller have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of cooperation, pride and accomplishment, and Coaches Jeff Orlowski and Matt Miller and these outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Kenmore/Grand Island Girls Hockey Team; its members Andrea Colan, Miranda Butler, Jenna House, LeAnn Wright, Chloe Moore, Rosie Boyko, Victoria Botticello, Jaclyn MacVittie, Nina Stockman, Abigail Blair, Hannah Munley, Taylor Story, Grace Simmons, Hannah Gallivan, Emily King, Emma Epstein, Lina Mirabella, Liz Notto, Olivia Smith, and Cara Klopp; and Coaches Jeff Orlowski and Matt Miller; Athletic Directors Brett Banker and John Roth; and Principals Patrick Heyden, Dean Johnson, and Daniel Quartley, 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 Kenmore/Grand Island Girls Hockey Team, and the aforementioned coaches and staff.