

## 2015-J4440

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Kenmore East Men's Varsity Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Division II 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 Kenmore East Men's Varsity Hockey Team captured the New York State Division II Championship with an exciting 3-2 victory over Skaneateles on Sunday, March 13, 2016, at the Harbor Center in Skaneateles, New York; and

WHEREAS, With this victory, the Kenmore East Bulldogs have won their second State title in program history and finished their season with an outstanding record of 17-5-2; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Kyle Pray, a skilled and inspirational tutor respected for his ability to turn 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 Bulldogs, 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, Coach Kyle Pray 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 Kyle Pray 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 Kenmore East Men's Varsity Hockey Team; its members: Chase Ford, Adam Smith, Joey Spataro, Jacob Kluge, Dan Spors, Anthony Tulipane, Trevor Pray, Cullen Smyth, JP Giordano, Alex Bluff, Chad Diaz, Justin Watson, AJ Marinelli, Sam Balesteri, Gage Holler, Russ Riggio, Ryan Hahn, Brad Hermann, David Hahn; and Coach Kyle Pray, on their championship season and outstanding team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Kenmore East Men's Varsity Hockey Team, and Coach Kyle Pray.