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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Oriskany High School Boys' Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 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 Oriskany High School Boys' Varsity Basketball Team captured the New York State Class D Championship by scoring a state tournament record with 15 three-pointers en route to an impressive 79-54 victory over unbeaten Moriah on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at the Glens Falls Civic Center in Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, With this victory, Oriskany High School Boys' Varsity Basketball Team have won their first state title in program history and finished their season with an undefeated record of 27-0; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Chris Mahoney and Assistant Coaches Michael Sreca, Eric Enos and Jeff Sergott, skilled and inspirational tutors respected for their ability to turn potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall perfect 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 Oriskany High School Boys' Varsity Basketball Team, 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 Chris Mahoney 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 Chris Mahoney 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 Oriskany High School Boys' Varsity Basketball Team; its members: Marcus Smithling, Shawn Cassevah, Parker Gauthier, Kyle Liddy, Sam Corrigan, Ethan Juarez, Ryan Enos, Dean Mealey, Shamis Lasher, Richard Phelps, Ryan Schmadel, Anthony Warcup and Nick Commisso; Head Coach Chris Mahoney; Assistant Coaches Michael Sreca, Eric Enos and Jeff Sergott; and Score Keeper John Lacy; on their championship season and undefeated team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Oriskany High School Boys' Varsity Basketball Team, Head Coach Chris Mahoney, and the aforementioned coaches and staff.