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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Xaverian High School Boys' Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the Catholic High School Athletic Association City 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 Xaverian High School Boys' Varsity Basketball Team captured the Catholic High School Athletic Association City Championship with an exciting 59-56 victory over Bishop Loughlin on Sunday, March 13, 2016, at Fordham University's Rose Hill Gym in Bronx, New York; and

WHEREAS, With this victory, the Xaverian Clippers have earned the right to advance to the Federation Tournament where they will play for the New York State Title; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Jack Alesi and Assistant Coaches Chris Alesi, Clyde Chapman and Tom Keenan, skilled and inspirational tutors respected for their ability to turn potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 18-11 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 Xaverian 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 Jack Alesi 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 Jack Alesi 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 Xaverian High School Boys' Varsity Basketball Team; its members: Jonathan Almedina, Khalil Rhodes, Jordan Guzman, Jack McCabe, Jamal Chery, Isaiah Amazan, Zack Bruno, Kevin Herman, Brandon Leftwich, Lawrence Aker, Nyontay Wisseh, John Boyle, Vincent Tavella; Coach Jack Alesi; and Assistant Coaches Chris Alesi, Clyde Chapman and Tom Keenan, 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 Xaverian High School Boys' Varsity Basketball Team, Coach Jack Alesi, and Assistant Coaches Chris Alesi, Clyde Chapman and Tom Keenan.