

## 2015-J4691

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Skaneateles High School Boys Varsity Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Section III Division II Hockey 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 Skaneateles High School Lakers captured their first New York State Section III Division II Hockey Championship since 2008, with an impressive 4-0 win over New Hartford on Sunday, February 28, 2016 at the Utica Memorial Auditorium in Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Following this victory, the Skaneateles Lakers defeated the Pelham Pelicans by a score of 3-1 to advance to their second straight New York State Division II final; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Mitch Major, a skilled and inspirational tutor who has done a superb job in guiding the team members towards winning their goals; and

WHEREAS, The Laker's overall record of 21-3-2 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 Skaneateles High School Boys Varsity Hockey Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the championship, were a close-knit 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, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Mitch Major 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 Skaneateles High School Boys Varsity Hockey Team; its members: Karl Adams, Matt Benson, Reggie Buell, Devin Callahan, Dimitris Christou, Sam Clymer, Reece Eddy, Ray Falso, Eric Huba, Matt Leveroni, Adam Lupo, Luke Lynn, Bennett Morse, Kyle Ochsner, Jacob Patalino, Nick Rottger, Tyler Schneider, Kyle Teachout, Owen Van Holtz, Marc Welch; and Coach Mitch Major, 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 Skaneateles High School Boys Varsity Hockey Team, and Coach Mitch Major.