

## 2015-K1155

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Mohonasen High School Varsity Cheerleaders upon the occasion of capturing the Reach the Beach High School Cheerleading Championship in the Advanced Sanctioned Division on February 27, 2016

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Mohonasen High School Varsity Cheerleaders upon the occasion of capturing the Reach the Beach High School Cheerleading Championship for the second consecutive time in the Advanced Sanctioned Division in Ocean City, Maryland, on Saturday, February 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, In April of 2013, the New York State Board of Regents announced that cheerleading would be officially recognized as a sport; and

WHEREAS, After their stellar victory in Maryland, the Mohonasen Varsity Cheerleaders traveled to Syracuse, New York, on Saturday, March 5, 2016, to compete in the inaugural New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) state-level Cheerleading Championship; and

WHEREAS, The team was able to advance to the competition after winning the D2 large division at Sectional Championships; and

WHEREAS, At the statewide competition, the Mohonasen High School

Varsity Cheerleaders competed in a morning preliminary session and successfully advanced to the final Championship round where they secured a fifth-place ranking overall in the D2 large division; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Mohonasen High School senior, Amy DeMento was presented with the award for Best Sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by these cheerleaders is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Jess Rapp, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for her ability to develop potential into excellence; 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 Jess Rapp and the outstanding athletes of the Mohonasen High School Varsity Cheerleading Team 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 Mohonasen High School Varsity Cheerleading Team upon the occasion of capturing the Reach the Beach High School Cheerleading Championship in the Advanced Sanctioned Division on February 27, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Mohonasen High School Varsity Cheerleading Team and to Coach Jess Rapp.