

## 2015-K1240

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Thomas Jefferson High School Boys' Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class AA Federation 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 Thomas Jefferson High School Boys' Orange Wave Basketball Team captured its first New York State Class AA Federation title with an exciting 72-65 victory over Aquinas Institute on Saturday, March 19, 2016, at the Times Union Center in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Prior to winning the Federation Championship, the Orange Wave finished in first place in the highly competitive Brooklyn AA Division, and won their program's first PSAL City Championship since 1954; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Lawrence Pollard and his staff, skilled and inspirational tutors respected for their ability to turn potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 23-9 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 Thomas Jefferson Orange Wave, 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 Lawrence Pollard 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 Lawrence Pollard 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 Thomas Jefferson High School Boys' Varsity Basketball Team; its members: Deante Bridgett, Dashan Crittenden, Rasheem Dunn, Malachi Faison, Kerome Grant, Monty Jackson, Jamari Lewis, Eric Massingale, Tyrik Mitchell, Stephen Moncrieffe, Jordan Morgan, Shamorie Ponds, Curtis Smith, Youssouf Traore and Marques Watson; Coach Lawrence Pollard; Volunteer Assistant Coaches Kenneth Jones, Frank Thomas, Arian-na Lewis, Kenny Pretlow, Seldon Jefferson, Anthony Scott, Tyrone Davis and Carlyle Burnette; and Managers Faith Robinson, Candice Miller, Dynasty Jackson, Brianna Peronel, Evonni Wilkerson, Kamai Pugh, Malaysia Anderson, Karen Cutler-Pugh and Isaiah Penny 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 Thomas Jefferson High School Boys' Varsity Basketball Team and Coach Lawrence Pollard.