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Senate Resolution No. 1040

BY: Senator KAPLAN

CONGRATULATING the Sewanhaka High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the Long Island Class A Championship on March 9, 2019

WHEREAS, Individual and team championships are highly sought after in high school sports; this Legislative Body commends rare athletic achievements and pays special recognition to those who pursue such excellence and become examples for the youth of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition helps to enhance both the moral and physical development of young athletes, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the importance of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Sewanhaka High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the Long Island Class A Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Indians defeated Mount Sinai High School in a decisive 66-48 victory to win their first Championship at Farmingdale State College; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of purple, gold and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Indians throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 19-5 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic

prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Alexander Soupios and Assistant Coaches Alison Leighton, Brittney Messina and Keri Schumacher worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Alexander Soupios and all of the outstanding athletes on the Sewanhaka High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team have clearly utilized dedication, determination and teamwork in providing a lasting 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 members of the Sewanhaka High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team: Carly Bolivar, Forlendia Hunte, Ashley Cattle, Marianna Bevilacqua, Jessica Williams, Samirah Akinwunmi, Nia Lariosa, Ashley Vigliotti, Angelica Lazo, Mia Weinschreider, Kayla Louissaint, Lexi Schneidmuller and Laura Marcia-Bodden; Head Coach Alexander Soupios; and Assistant Coaches Alison Leighton, Brittney Messina and Keri Schumacher upon the occasion of capturing the Long Island Class A Championship on March 9, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Sewanhaka High School Girls Varsity

Basketball Team, Head Coach Alexander Soupios, and Assistant Coaches Alison Leighton, Brittney Messina and Keri Schumacher.