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**ESSEX COUNTY FREEHOLDERS  
HONOR THE GLEN RIDGE H.S. GIRLS LACROSSE TEAM  
2011 GROUP I STATE CHAMPIONS**

(Newark, NJ) – The Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders honored the Glen Ridge High School Girls Lacrosse Team for winning the 2011 Group I State Championship prior to the start of the Board’s June 23, 2011, meeting at Belleville Town Hall.



Pictured above with members of the Group I State Championship Glen Ridge H. S. Girls Lacrosse Team are Assistant Coach Terry Doss (2<sup>nd</sup> row, far left), Athletic Director Tim Liddy (back row, far left) and Freeholder Rufus I. Johnson (back row, 2<sup>nd</sup> from left) of Newark, who made the presentation to the team on behalf of the Board. Photo by Glen Frieson

The team, which finished the season with an overall record of 20-5, defeated Mountain Lakes High School, 11-6, to win the North 1 Group I sectional championship before going on to defeat The Pingry School of Short Hills, 8-7, on June 2, 2011, to capture the Group I State Championship, the first in school history. The team also went undefeated in conference play (6-0) in winning the American Division Championship of the Super Essex Conference.

At season's end, the Glen Ridge H. S. Girls Lacrosse Team was ranked #7 by *The Star-Ledger*, and was ranked as the #43 team among the 2,515 schools playing girls lacrosse in the United States by the National Coaches Computer Ratings!

The team is comprised of the following members: **Seniors** Kathleen Casey, Keira Fitzgerald, Sarah Malone, Cara Mulligan and Alex Prezioso; **Juniors** Mary Alati, Lizzie Kolln, Danielle Lisovicz, Maggie Moriarty and Erika Sliwak; **Sophomores** Maeliosa Barstow, Natasha Dombrowski, Jessie Fuydal, Lesley Krien, Claire Malone, Lizzie Manolis, Julia Short, Caroline Thiele and Molly Winchell; and **Freshmen** Paige Moriarty and Kendall Smith.

The team was coached by Head Coach Beth Larkin and Assistant Coaches Erica Spatz and Terry Doss, and the Managers were Holly Ekroth, Dale Norcross and Alex Mark.

The Board's commendation was sponsored by Freeholder Vice President Ralph R. Caputo of Belleville, and the presentation to the team was made by Freeholder Rufus I. Johnson of Newark.

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