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**SECRETARY OF THE STATE BYSIEWICZ HONORS
14-YEAR-OLD CHELSEA HUNTER OF MIDDLETOWN
FOR SOCCER ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz was proud this week to honor 14-year-old Chelsea Hunter of Middletown for her many accomplishments on the soccer field despite her young age, including being named to the U.S. Under-15 Women's National Team.

Secretary Bysiewicz presented Chelsea Hunter with a citation in her State Capitol office earlier this week, in recognition of Chelsea's many accomplishments so far on the soccer field – including being named to the U.S. Under-15 Women's National Team, playing on the Oakwood Soccer Club Premier Team, numerous state championships and tournament championships, and being a varsity starting on the Kingswood Oxford School soccer team as an 8th-grader.

"It's a privilege for me to honor Chelsea for her wonderful accomplishments on the soccer field at such a young age. Chelsea is also a fine student and a very thoughtful and mature young woman – it was a pleasure to have her in my office and to spend some time with her," **Secretary Bysiewicz** said. "I've been friendly with Chelsea's parents, Dan and Jeri Ann, for a long time, and I commend them for raising such an outstanding young woman. They should be very proud."

"It's been my good fortune to know Chelsea and her family for many years so to acknowledge her outstanding performance and soccer achievement, and this opportunity for her to elevate her game and play with others who are the best in the nation, is my distinct pleasure," **Senator Thomas P. Gaffey** (D-Meriden) said. "I understand very well that it takes exceptional contributions from all 11 players on a soccer team for it to play at a championship level. In anticipation of the U.S. National competition, it's a great comfort to know one of those 11 standouts will be Chelsea from our own backyard in Middletown."

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