

BY: Senator AKSHAR

CONGRATULATING the Vestal High School Girls' Basketball Team and Head Coach Joe Reynolds upon the occasion of capturing the Section 4 Class A Championship on March 4, 2017

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 Vestal High School Girls' Basketball Team and Head Coach Joe Reynolds upon the occasion of capturing their third consecutive Section 4 Class A Championship on March 4, 2017; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Golden Bears defeated Maine-Endwell Senior High School in a 47-40 victory to capture the Championship at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena in Binghamton, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Golden Bears went on an 18-3 scoring spree to close the opening quarter with an 11-point lead; the scoring margin never dipped below five through the conclusion of this exciting game; and

WHEREAS, With this monumental win, the Vestal High School Girls' Basketball Team received a bid to compete in the Regionals in the 2017 NYSPHSAA Girls' Basketball Championship presented by the American Dairy Association's North East Class A; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of green and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Golden Bears throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 14-6 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Joe Reynolds and his expert coaching staff worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Joe Reynolds and all of the outstanding athletes on the Vestal High School 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 Vestal High School Girls' Basketball Team: Vickie Cheng, Amanda Fedor, Courtney Franz, Julianna Mushalla,

Hailey Westover, Alyssa Chapman, Shelly Anderson, Johanna Gaffney, Sarah Harding, Alani Gallagher, Rachel Liss, Liz Hartley, and Aina Carty; Head Coach Joe Reynolds; and Assistant Coaches Mickey Greenberg and Jodi Yesensky upon the occasion of capturing the Section 4 Class A Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Vestal High School Girls' Basketball Team, Head Coach Joe Reynolds, and Assistant Coaches Mickey Greenberg and Jodi Yesensky.