

BY: Senator SEWARD

CONGRATULATING the Moravia High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team and Coach Todd Mulvaney upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class C Championship

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 Moravia High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team and Coach Todd Mulvaney upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class C Championship; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Blue Devils claimed the state title with one of their most dominating performances of the season, defeating Lake George High School 54-39 in the NYSPHSAA Championship on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at the Floyd L. Maines Memorial Arena in Binghamton, New York; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of gray and blue, family, friends, and the community-at-large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Blue Devils throughout their journey as they ended their season with the first New York State Class C Championship in the school's history; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Todd Mulvaney 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 court; and

WHEREAS, The team's success is a testament to the outstanding commitment of the players and coaches, along with the unwavering support of family, fans, friends and the Moravia community at large; and

WHEREAS, The Moravia Boys Basketball Team has also demonstrated excellence in the classroom, receiving the NYSPHSAA scholar-athlete team award for the 2017 winter season and living up to the definition of true student-athletes; and

WHEREAS, Coach Todd Mulvaney and all of the outstanding athletes on the Moravia High School Boys 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 Moravia High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team: Scottie Sovocool, Carter Flick, Zack Becker, Zach Stanton, Jack Fedrizzi, Kaleb Stayton, Jordan Crossgrove, Kaden Hooper, Lin Wei Chen, Austin Kulas, Parker Dickenson, Dustin Mondics, Gavin Genson, Gabe Short, Brady Knutson and Joey Ettinger; Head Coach Todd Mulvaney; and Assistant Coaches Brian Jackson and Joey Volpicelli on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Moravia High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, Head Coach Todd Mulvaney, and Assistant Coaches Brian Jackson and Joey Volpicelli.