

BY: Senator O'MARA

CONGRATULATING the Watkins Glen Girls Basketball Team and Coach Alicia Learn upon the occasion of winning the 2017 NYSPHSAA Class C Girls Basketball State Final 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 Watkins Glen Girls Basketball Team and Coach Alicia Learn upon the occasion of winning the 2017 NYSPHSAA Class C Girls Basketball State Final Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Senecas defeated Port Jefferson High School in an exciting 65-63 victory to win the Championship; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of navy blue and maroon, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Senecas throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 22-2 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Alicia Learn and her skilled 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, Coach Alicia Learn and all of the outstanding athletes on the Watkins Glen High School Girls 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 Watkins Glen High School Girls Basketball Team: Ryanna LaMoreaux, Hannah Morse, Makenna Fraboni, Clara Chedzoy, Amanda Pike, Katlyn Kernan, Emilia Bond, Taylor Kelly, Mariah Gonzalez, Julia Reilly, Mikenna Ayers, Kendra Larson and Jazmin Shea; Head Coach Alicia Learn; Assistant Coaches Scott Morse and Harold Chaffee; and Strength Trainer Ralph Diliberto 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 Watkins Glen Senecas High School Girls Basketball Team; Head Coach Alicia Learn; Assistant Coaches Scott Morse and Harold Chaffee; and Strength Trainer Ralph Diliberto.