

BY: Senator AKSHAR

CONGRATULATING the Seton Catholic Central High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team and Head Coach Colleen Jayne upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class B Girls Basketball 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 Seton Catholic Central High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team and Head Coach Colleen Jayne upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class B Girls Basketball Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Saints defeated Irvington High School in a 86-67 victory to capture the Championship at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, New York, on Saturday, March 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of green and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Saints throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 28-1 record and 26 straight victories, winning by an average margin of 24 points to be crowned STAC Central, STAC Conference, Section IV, Regional, NYSPHSAA, and New York State Federation champions; and

WHEREAS, The Saints finished the season by winning the New York State Federation Tournament of Champions Class B title game; Seton Catholic beat Aquinas, 83-43, on Sunday, March 25, 2017, at the Glens Falls Civic Center; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Colleen Jayne and her 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 Colleen Jayne and all of the outstanding athletes on the Seton Catholic Central High School Girls 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 Seton Catholic Central High School Girls

Varsity Basketball Team: Hanna Strawn, Lexi Levy, Murphy Fauci, Ava McCann, Rose Kane, Emily Dempsey, Erin O'Brien, Kristen Fisher, Jaclyn Tableman, Taylor Nicolich, Reese Vaughan, Emily Purtell, Marina Maerkl, and Julia Hauer; Head Coach Colleen Jayne; and Assistant Coach Ken Jayne upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class B Girls Basketball Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Seton Catholic Central High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team, Head Coach Colleen Jayne, and Assistant Coach Ken Jayne.