

BY: Senator LITTLE

CONGRATULATING the Moriah High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team and Coach Brian Cross upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class D 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 Moriah High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team and Coach Brian Cross upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class D Championship; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Vikings defeated Newfield High School in a 61-52 victory on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena in Binghamton, New York; and

WHEREAS, This victory marks the first boys basketball title for Section VII since 1930, and the first time a Section VII team won a NYSPHSAA-sanctioned basketball championship; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of red and white, family, friends, and the community-at-large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Vikings throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 9-1 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Brian Cross and his two Assistant Coaches Don Tesar and Tommy Tesar 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, Coach Brian Cross, Assistant Coaches Don Tesar and Tommy Tesar, and all of the outstanding athletes on the Moriah 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 Moriah High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team: Kyle Wilson, Joey Stahl, Jerin Sargent, Dylan Trombley,

Lane Decker, Todd Gregory, Mike Rollins, Owen Fleury, Andrew Snyder, Scott Rice, Braden Swan, Jay Strieble, Alex Larrow and Matt Pelkey; Head

Coach Brian Cross, and Assistant Coaches Don Tesar and Tommy Tesar 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 Moriah High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, Head Coach Brian Cross, and Assistant Coaches Don Tesar and Tommy Tesar.