

**BY:** Senator BRESLIN

**CONGRATULATING** the Albany Academy Boys Basketball Team and Head Coach Brian Fruscio upon the occasion of winning the 2017 Boys Class A New York State Federation Basketball Tournament of Champions on March 26, 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 Albany Academy Boys Basketball Team and Head Coach Brian Fruscio upon the occasion of winning the 2017 Boys Class A New York State Federation Basketball Tournament of Champions; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Cadets defeated Walton High School in a decisive 76-46 victory to capture the Championship on Sunday, March 26, 2017, at the Glens Falls Civic Center in Glens Falls, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** This monumental win marked the Albany Academy Boys Basketball Team's second consecutive state title; throughout the game, the Cadets played nearly perfect basketball, pairing efficient offense with their signature brand of pressure defense; and

**WHEREAS,** Proudly donning the school's colors of black and red, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Cadets throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 17-5 overall record; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Brian Fruscio 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,** Head Coach Brian Fruscio and all of the outstanding athletes on the Albany Academy Boys 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 Albany Academy Boys Basketball Team: Marcus Filien, August Mahoney, Ian Donlon, Mike Grandinetti, Will

Bennett, Joe Whalen, Brett Young, Johnny Decker, Andre Jackson, Cj Mulvey, Zach DiBlasi, Kieran Donohoe, Saif Ullah, Pat Lacey, and Hameir Wright; Head Coach Brian Fruscio; Assistant Coaches Frank Mahoney, Joe Motley, and Mike Long, Jr. upon the occasion of winning the 2017 Boys Class A New York State Federation Basketball Tournament of Champions; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Albany Academy Boys Basketball Team, Head Coach Brian Fruscio, and Assistant Coaches Frank Mahoney, Joe Motley, and Mike Long, Jr.