

**BY:** Senator FUNKE

**CONGRATULATING** the Irondequoit Boys Basketball Team and Head Coach Chris Cardon upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class A Boys 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 Irondequoit Boys Basketball Team and Head Coach Chris Cardon upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class A Boys Basketball Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Eagles defeated Our Lady of Lourdes High School in a 54-43 victory to win their first Championship on Sunday, March 19, 2017, at the Floyd L. Maines Arena in Binghamton, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** With this monumental win, the Irondequoit Boys Basketball Team has won a bid to play in the Federation Tournament of Champions against The Albany Academy on Saturday, March 25, 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** Proudly donning the school's colors of blue and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Eagles throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 25-2 overall record; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Chris Cardon, 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 field; and

**WHEREAS,** Head Coach Chris Cardon and all of the outstanding athletes on the Irondequoit High School 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 Irondequoit High School Boys Basketball Team: Tysean Sizer, Chris VanKerkhove, Gerald Drumgoole, Colin Shafer,

Kaelen Kanealey, Fredrick June, Tanner Pioch, Robert Diaz-Judson, Josh Stenglein, William Porter, Alex Goldsberry, Devyn Walker, Jeremiah Zitz, Zach Stenglein, and Jake Arrowood; Head Coach Chris Cardon; and

Assistant Coach Dan Foley upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class A Boys Basketball Championship; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Irondequoit High School Boys Basketball Team, Head Coach Chris Cardon, and Assistant Coach Dan Foley.