

BY: Senator HELMING

CONGRATULATING the Wayne Central Boys Varsity Basketball Team and Coach Bill Thomson upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Section V Class A2 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 Wayne Central Boys Varsity Basketball Team and Coach Bill Thomson upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Section V Class A2 Championship on Saturday, March 4, 2017; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Eagles defeated the Wilson-Magnet Wildcats in a 50-43 victory, becoming the first team in the history of their school to hoist a sectional trophy; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of navy 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 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Bill Thomson 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, Coach Bill Thomson and all of the outstanding athletes on the Wayne Central 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 Wayne Central Boys Varsity Basketball Team: Jacob Battle, Logan Blankenberg, Thomas Bolt, Nicholas Carmichael, Clark Tanner, Logan Holgado, Maxim LaRocco, Jalen Matteson, Brandon Nowak, Nathan Piotrowski, William Thomson and Braeden Zenelovic; and

Head Coach Bill Thomson on their outstanding season and the school's first ever Section V Basketball Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Wayne Central Boys Varsity Basketball Team, Head Coach Bill Thomson and Program Assistant Tom Carmichael.