

**BY:** Senator BAILEY

**CONGRATULATING** the Mount Vernon High School Boys Basketball Team and Head Coach Bob Cimmino upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class AA 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 Mount Vernon High School Boys Basketball Team and Head Coach Bob Cimmino upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class AA Boys Basketball Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Knights defeated Fairport High School in a 59-48 victory to win the Championship on Sunday, March 19, 2017, at the Floyd L. Maines Arena in Binghamton, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** With this monumental win, the Mount Vernon High School Boys Basketball Team won a bid to play in the Federation Tournament of Champions against Long Island Lutheran High School on Friday, March 24, 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** Proudly donning the school's colors of maroon and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Knights throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 16-6 overall record; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Bob Cimmino, 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 Bob Cimmino and all of the outstanding athletes on the Mount Vernon 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 Mount Vernon High School Boys Basketball Team: Eric Monroe, Truth Harris, Derrick Hamlin, Brandon Scott, Chase

Johnson, Aaron Lewis, Javius Commodore, Jason Douglas-Stanley, John Richardson, Demetre Roberts, Demetreus Lee, Joel Cooper, Noah Morgan, Justin Currie, Gregory Calixte, and Jayquan Smith; Head Coach Bob

Cimmino; and Assistant Coach Brian Pritchett; Coaches Paul Roland, Patrick Theodule, Garee Bryant, Richard Swozzo, Bryan Browne, Dwayne Murray, John Goodman, and Anthony Pavlacka; Statistician John Nannariello; and Managers Chris Fearon, Charles Lovett, and Sebastian Daley, upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class AA Boys Basketball Championship; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Mount Vernon High School Boys Basketball Team; Head Coach Bob Cimmino; Assistant Coach Brian Pritchett; Coaches Paul Roland, Patrick Theodule, Garee Bryant, Richard Swozzo, Bryan Browne, Dwayne Murray, John Goodman, and Anthony Pavlacka; Statistician John Nannariello; and Managers Chris Fearon, Charles Lovett, and Sebastian Daley.