

BY: Senator GALLIVAN

CONGRATULATING the Wheatland-Chili High School Girls Soccer Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2016 New York State Class D Championship

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, The Wheatland-Chili High School Girls Soccer Team captured the 2016 New York State Class D Championship with an exciting 2-0 victory over Poland Middle School/High School on Sunday, November 13, 2016, at the SUNY Cortland Stadium Complex in Cortland, New York; and

WHEREAS, Utilizing outstanding defense, and a potent offense, the Wheatland-Chili High School Girls Soccer Team capped a near perfect season with a 22-1 record in spectacular fashion, winning their first New York State Class D title in over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Gary Ward, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 22-1 is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Wheatland-Chili High School Girls Soccer Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the championship, were a sisterhood of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Coach Gary Ward has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Gary Ward and these outstanding athletes have clearly made a 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 Wheatland-Chili High School Girls Soccer

Team: Hannah Beldue, Abbey Callaghan, Hannah Callaghan, Lindsey Clar, Jamie Coleman, Morgan Franklin, Samantha Ghysel, Abby Hogan, Janae Hooker, Madeline Jewell, Mikaela Lake, Jenna LaMere, Julia Lodato, Jenelle McPhearson, Travina Meeks, Julia Nolan, Brianna Parker, Cassie Parker, Morgan Parker, Amanda Piper, Niyah Rosado, Allyssa Seilheimer, Katherine Vonglis, and Elise Williamson; Coach Gary Ward; Assistant Coaches Jennifer Quinn and Karl Keydel; Scorekeeper, Korinne Minster; and Manager Adria Kosinski on the occasion of capturing the 2016 New York State Class D Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Wheatland-Chili High School Girls Soccer Team and the aforementioned coaches.