

BY: Senator TEDISCO

CONGRATULATING the Mekeel Christian Academy Varsity Boys Basketball Team and Head Coach Chad Bowman upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class B 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 Mekeel Christian Academy Varsity Boys Basketball Team and Head Coach Chad Bowman upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class B Boys Basketball Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Lions defeated Seton Catholic in a 42-37 victory to win their school's first ever Championship on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena in Binghamton, New York; and

WHEREAS, Located in Scotia, New York, Mekeel Christian Academy is a community of learners who embrace challenges and strive for excellence in the classroom, in athletic arenas, and in the arts; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of navy and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Lions throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 24-3 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Chad Bowman, and Assistant Coaches Mike Show, George Stewart, Khristian Collins, and Adrian Barcelon 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 Chad Bowman and all of the outstanding athletes on the Mekeel Christian Academy Varsity 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 Mekeel Christian Academy Varsity Boys Basketball Team: Jordan Jackson, Deonte Holder, Carter Stewart, Cameron Stewart, Daniel McCarty, Gideon Agbo, Alidjah Barcelon, Michael Show,

Alex Barnhill, and Joshua Winfield; Head Coach Chad Bowman; Assistant Coaches Mike Show, George Stewart, Khristian Collins, and Adrian

Barcelon upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class B Boys Basketball Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Mekeel Christian Academy Varsity Boys Basketball Team, Head Coach Chad Bowman, Assistant Coaches Mike Show, George Stewart, Khristian Collins, and Adrian Barcelon, Manager Andrew Dewald, and Athletic Director Dan Decker.