

**BY:** Senator BONACIC

**CONGRATULATING** the Delaware Academy Varsity Girls Basketball Team and Head Coach Todd Bruce upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class D Girls 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 Delaware Academy Varsity Girls Basketball Team and Head Coach Todd Bruce upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class D Girls Basketball Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Bulldogs defeated Franklinville High School in an exciting 54-51 victory to capture the Championship; and

**WHEREAS,** Proudly donning the school's colors of maroon and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Bulldogs throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 24-2 overall record; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Todd Bruce and Assistant Coaches AJ Mucciario and Tom Gliddon 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 Todd Bruce and all of the outstanding athletes on the Delaware Academy Varsity Girls 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 Delaware Academy Varsity Girls Basketball Team: Logan Bruce, Aileen Nealis, Hannah Baxter, Olivia Wakin, Kaitlynn Finch, Anna Post, Raegan Bracchy, Cella Schnabel, Brenna Gioffe, Sylvia Liddle, Julia Burns, Meredith Mable, Caroline Grace, and Sophia Wakin; Head Coach Todd Bruce; and Assistant Coaches AJ Mucciario and Tom Gliddon upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class D Girls Basketball Championship; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to the members of the Delaware Academy Varsity Girls Basketball Team, Head Coach Todd Bruce, Assistant Coaches AJ Mucciario and Tom Gliddon, Manager Bri Sohns, Statistician Mercedes Wakin, Athletic Director Jeff Ferrara, and Superintendent Jason D. Thomson.