

BY: Senator TEDISCO

CONGRATULATING the Schenectady Chargers 12U/Peewee AA Ice Hockey Team and Head Coach Wally Bzdell upon the occasion of capturing the 2018 USA Hockey New York State Tier II 12U 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 Schenectady Chargers 12U/Peewee AA Ice Hockey Team and Head Coach Wally Bzdell upon the occasion of capturing the 2018 USA Hockey New York State Tier II 12U Championship; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Chargers went 5-0 defeating teams from Long Island, Buffalo, Syracuse and Rochester areas to capture the Championship on Sunday, March 25, 2018, in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition to this monumental victory, the Chargers won the USA Hockey New York Northern Zone Sectional Championship and the 2018 Empire Cup Tournament Championship earlier in the season; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 47-10-4 is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Based at the Schenectady County Recreation Facility in Glenville, New York, and the Messa Rink on the Union College campus in Schenectady, New York, the Chargers were ranked number one in New York State since September of 2017, and number seven in the United States out of 1,374 teams; throughout the season the boys scored 385 goals while only giving up 92; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as ice hockey, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Wally Bzdell and Assistant Coaches Justin Pechar, Kevin Magaletta, Mark Sacco, Mike Rochette and Jim Martin worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the ice; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Wally Bzdell and all of the outstanding athletes on the Schenectady Chargers 12U/Peewee AA Ice Hockey Team have clearly

utilized dedication, determination and teamwork in providing a lasting contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their team; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the Schenectady Chargers 12U/PeeWee AA Ice Hockey Team: Dylan Bzdell, Thomas Hall, Marty Magaletta, Michael Malatino, Jack Martin, Shane McKone, Jack Pechar, Zach Rochette, Matt Sacco, Devin Shakar, Andrew Thornton, Bernie Townsend, Eric Truesdell, Andrew Vandergriff, and Cooper Willson; Head Coach Wally Bzdell; and Assistant Coaches Justin Pechar, Kevin Magaletta, Mark Sacco, Mike Rochette and Jim Martin upon the occasion of capturing the 2018 USA Hockey New York State Tier II 12U Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Schenectady Chargers 12U/PeeWee Ice AA Hockey Team, Head Coach Wally Bzdell, and Assistant Coaches Justin Pechar, Kevin Magaletta, Mark Sacco, Mike Rochette and Jim Martin.