

**BY:** Senator FUNKE

**CONGRATULATING** the Victor High School Varsity Softball Team and Coach Shelly Collins upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class AA 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 Victor High School Varsity Softball Team and Coach Shelly Collins upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class AA Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Blue Devils defeated Ballston Spa in a 7-1 victory on Saturday, June 9, 2018, at Moreau Recreational Park in Glens Falls, New York, to win the Championship; and

**WHEREAS,** Proudly donning the school's colors of blue and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Blue Devils throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 24-2 overall record and its first Class AA State Title in Section V history; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as softball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Shelly Collins and her 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,** Coach Shelly Collins and all of the outstanding athletes on the Victor High School Varsity Softball 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 Victor High School Varsity Softball Team: Lydia Kunz, Sarah Simmons, Sydney Powell, Paige Phillips, Allison Haugh, Katelyn Reifsnnyder, Chloe Whittier, Katie Sidare, Lexie Rider, Kyra Grooms, Emily Power, Caitlin Bickert, Allison Reed, Erin Wong, Maya Thompson, Daniela Mancini and Reagan Gensiejewski; Head Coach Shelly Collins; and Assistant Coaches Denise Dillman and Dave Prong on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Victor High School Varsity Softball Team, Head Coach Shelly Collins, and Assistant Coaches Denise Dillman and Dave Prong.