

BY: Senator MURPHY

CONGRATULATING the Explosion Cheerleading Team
upon the occasion of winning First Place at the
Battle at the Capitol

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, 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Explosion Cheerleading Team upon the occasion of winning First Place at the Battle at the Capitol in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Explosion is a cheerleading team out of Extreme Force Allstar Cheer in Mahopac, New York; the incredible staff at Extreme Force strive to build athletes from the inside out by starting with a strong foundation and progressing their athletes at his/her level of ability in a motivating and positive environment; and

WHEREAS, In addition to their exciting win at the Battle at the Capitol, the Explosion Cheerleading Team impressively performed at a national competition held in New Jersey in December of 2016, earning a coveted bid to compete at the prestigious Summit competition; and

WHEREAS, Only the top 10 percent of teams earn the opportunity to compete at Summit, which will be held from May 5-7, 2017, at the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record 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 Explosion Cheerleading Team, from the opening competition of the season to participation in the Battle at the Capitol, were a sisterhood of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these team members are second to none; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when young people who represent their community with pride and determination while participating in competitive sports are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the Explosion Cheerleading Team: Francesca

Acampora, Mia Caldarella, Paige Cassidy, Jaime Foster, Layla Holzer, Rachel Lerman, Kaitlyn Lopez, Isabel Mariella, Julia Martin, Lucy Monness, Jessica Pellegrino, Sofia Poandl, Isabella Russo, Meghan Stricker, Daniella Verni, and Catherine Yost upon the occasion of winning First Place at the Battle at the Capitol; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Explosion Cheerleading Team.