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CONGRATULATING Emily Pfalzer upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition as a member of the United States Women's Ice Hockey Team at the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to extend its full recognition and grateful tribute to the athletes of New York State who have dedicated their purposeful lives to athletic achievement and proudly represented their great State and Nation in international sports competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to join the Western New York community in honoring Emily Pfalzer, a young woman of great skill, personal courage and unparalleled dedication, whose character and athletic achievements are world-renowned and personify the highest ideals of the American spirit and Olympics competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to congratulate Emily Pfalzer upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition as a member of the United States Women's Ice Hockey Team at the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018; and

WHEREAS, Emily Pfalzer was born to David and Jill Pfalzer on June 14, 1993, in Getzville, New York; she was raised in Buffalo, New York, where she attended Nichols High School; after graduating, she earned her degree from Boston College in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Emily Pfalzer has been a defender for the Buffalo Beauts since the National Women's Hockey League (NWHL) was established in 2015; she has served as Captain of the team since its inaugural season; and

WHEREAS, Under Emily Pfalzer's luminous leadership, the Buffalo Beauts won three Gold Medals, and captured the Isobel Cup during the 2016-2017 season; and

WHEREAS, Due to her prowess on the ice, Emily Pfalzer was selected as a member of the 2018 United States Women's Ice Hockey Team, who were determined to win the Gold Medal at the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018; and

WHEREAS, After a tough loss to Team Canada during the preliminary rounds, Team USA defeated their rival in the final by a score of 3-2; after 60 minutes of regulation time, a 20-minute overtime, and five rounds of a shootout, Team USA scored in the sixth round; this monumental win marked Team USA's first Gold Medal since 1998; and

WHEREAS, When she is not on the ice, Emily Pfalzer likes spending time on the water wake surfing, waterskiing, and jet skiing; in her rare down time, she enjoys a good book; and

WHEREAS, A role model for all, Emily Pfalzer is a talented, exceptional athlete who has brought honor to her family, her coaches, and her community of friends, all of whom have encouraged her progress and commended her hard work and dedication; and

WHEREAS, A gifted athlete, Emily Pfalzer's character and achievements stand as a sterling example and inspiration to all who would aspire to such extraordinary success; and

WHEREAS, Many will only dream of competing in the Winter Olympic Games; this young gifted athlete from the great State of New York, through her hard work and tenacious spirit, has made that vision a reality, and has proudly represented her country in competition among the world's finest athletes, an honor that gives just cause for her family, community and State to be exceedingly proud of her achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Emily Pfalzer upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition as a member of the United States Women's Ice Hockey Team at the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018, and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Emily Pfalzer.