

BY: Senator FUNKE

CONGRATULATING the Rochester School for the Deaf Girls Varsity Volleyball Team upon the occasion of capturing the National Deaf Interscholastic Athletic Association (NDIAA) 2019 Division II National 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 Rochester School for the Deaf Girls Varsity Volleyball Team upon the occasion of capturing the first ever National Deaf Interscholastic Athletic Association (NDIAA) 2019 Division II National Championship; and

WHEREAS, In addition to this monumental win, the Wildcats won their 2019 Homecoming Championship; the first ever Division II Spike Out XXI Championship in Riverside, California; and the 2019 Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association (ESDAA) Championship in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, For their many outstanding achievements in competitive sports, the Rochester School for the Deaf Girls Varsity Volleyball Team was named the 2019 Deaf Digest Sports Volleyball Division II Team of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, for the second consecutive year, and for the third time overall, Head Coach Charles Palmer was selected as the 2019 NDIAA Division II Volleyball Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of orange and blue, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Wildcats throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive overall record of 25-3-2; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as volleyball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Charles Palmer and Assistant Coach Tanya Manktelow 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 Charles Palmer and all of the outstanding athletes on the Rochester School for the Deaf Girls Varsity Volleyball

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 Rochester School for the Deaf Girls Varsity Volleyball Team: McKenna Girod, Ailani Johnson, Emma Kane, Tabitha Marcus, Mariana Menzynski, Cori Moquette, Bella Rose Nasser, Julia Ott, and Manager Brianna Arreguin; and Head Coach Charles Palmer upon the occasion of capturing the National Deaf Interscholastic Athletic Association (NDIAA) 2019 Division II National Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Rochester School for the Deaf Girls Varsity Volleyball Team, Head Coach Charles Palmer, Assistant Coach Tanya Manktelow, and Athletic Director Mary Cook.