

BY: Senator ANTONACCI

CONGRATULATING the West Genesee High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2019 NYSPHSAA Basketball Class AA Championship on March 16, 2019

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 West Genesee High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2019 NYSPHSAA Basketball Class AA Championship; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Wildcats defeated Brentwood High School in a decisive 70-57 victory to capture their first Championship on Saturday, March 16, 2019, at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena in Binghamton, New York; and

WHEREAS, Prior to this monumental event, the West Genesee High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team defeated Saratoga Springs High School in overtime to win the Regional Final, and Utica Notre Dame High School in the final seconds of the Section III Finals; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of blue and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Wildcats throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 16-1 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Fred Kent, Assistant Coaches Jason Dudzinski and John Kelly, and Volunteer Coaches Johnny Davis and Tony Pascale have 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 Fred Kent and all of the outstanding athletes on the West Genesee High School Boys Varsity Basketball 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 West Genesee High School Boys Varsity

Basketball Team: Willis Amica, Christian Rossi, Kameron Jones, Jake Wager, Max Smith, Tyler Cook, Max Dennington, Adam Dudzinski, Daniel Benetti, Josiah Albright, Samuel Gallager, Eric Leubner Jr., Jack

McLane, John Benson, Lucas Sutherland, Jack Dalgety and James Tully; Head Coach Fred Kent; Assistant Coaches Jason Dudzinski and John Kelly; and Volunteer Coaches Johnny Davis and Tony Pascale upon the occasion of capturing the 2019 NYSPHSAA Basketball Class AA Championship on March 16, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the West Genesee High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, Head Coach Fred Kent, Assistant Coaches Jason Dudzinski and John Kelly, and Volunteer Coaches Johnny Davis and Tony Pascale.