

BY: Senator FUNKE

CONGRATULATING the Pittsford Mendon Girls Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the Class A New York State Federation 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 Pittsford Mendon Girls Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the Class A New York State Federation Championship on Saturday, March 23, 2019; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Vikings opened overtime with an 8-1 run and defeated Staten Island Academy, 72-67, in the Class A championship game at the Federation Tournament at Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Pittsford Mendon Girls Basketball Team made history as the first large-school, Class AA or A, team from Section V to win a New York State Federation Championship; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of maroon and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Vikings throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 27-1 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Todd Julien and his 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 court; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Todd Julien, Assistant Coaches Don D'Amico and Matt D'Amico, and all of the outstanding athletes on the Pittsford Mendon Girls 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 Pittsford Mendon Girls Basketball Team: Ellie Mooney, Courtney Naugle, Kate Huntress, Claudia Williams, Ashley

Bowler, Danielle Strauf, Lexi Green, Alana Fursman, Victoria Wright, Eliza Ryan, Safa Fazili, Sydney Gordon, Anaya Coleman, Katie Bischoping, Sabrina Engin and Maddy Mike; Head Coach Todd Julien; and Assistant Coaches Don D'Amico and Matt D'Amico 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 Pittsford Mendon Girls Basketball Team, Head Coach Todd Julien, and Assistant Coaches Don D'Amico and Matt D'Amico.