

BY: Senator GAUGHRAN

CONGRATULATING the Northport High School Varsity Field Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2021 NYSPHSAA Field Hockey Class A 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 Northport High School Varsity Field Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2021 NYSPHSAA Field Hockey Class A Championship; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the number 5 ranked Tigers defeated number 2 ranked Shenendehowa High School in a thrilling 1-0 victory to capture their first ever Championship on Sunday, November 14, 2021, at Centereach High School; and

WHEREAS, This monumental win was especially meaningful for the team, which captured the Long Island Championship last season but did not have the opportunity to play a New York State Championship game due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of navy and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Tigers throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 21-0 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as field hockey, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Varsity Head Coach Gina Walling, Varsity Assistant Coach Elizabeth Courtemanche, and Junior Varsity Head Coach Samantha Little 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 field; and

WHEREAS, Varsity Head Coach Gina Walling and all of the outstanding athletes on the Northport High School Varsity Field Hockey 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 Northport High School Varsity Field Hockey Team: Sophia Bica, Elizabeth Hedgecock, Kelly Kropp, Angelina

Longo, Esther Loring, Kailey Maloney, Charlotte McGroarty, Makenzie Mueller, Hailey Roethel, Shannon Smith, Anna Trizzino, Mallory Bennett, Maeve Carroll, Julia Cavallo, Emma Fabrizio, Isabella Fournier, Emilia

Greco, Natalie McKenna, Olivia McKenna, Emma McLam, Mackenzie Sweeney, Brooke Vafeades, Sydney Wotzak, Emily Maloney, Madison Maxwell and Caitlin O'Malley; Varsity Head Coach Gina Walling; Varsity Assistant Coach Elizabeth Courtemanche; and Junior Varsity Head Coach Samantha Little upon the occasion of capturing the 2021 NYSPHSAA Field Hockey Class A Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Northport High School Varsity Field Hockey Team, Varsity Head Coach Gina Walling, Varsity Assistant Coach Elizabeth Courtemanche, and Junior Varsity Head Coach Samantha Little.