

BY: Senator PALUMBO

CONGRATULATING the Eastport-South Manor High School Boys Varsity Volleyball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2021 NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball 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 Eastport-South Manor High School Boys Varsity Volleyball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2021 NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball Championship; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Sharks defeated Spencerport High School in three sets, 25-22, 25-22, and 25-22, to capture their second New York State title in program history on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at the Albany Capital Center in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, This monumental win capped the Sharks perfect season, in which they also won both the Suffolk County Championship and a Long Island Championship; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of navy and silver, family members, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Sharks throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 18-0 overall record and 16-0 league record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as volleyball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Bill Kropp 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 field; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Bill Kropp was also named Suffolk County Coach of the Year and **Newsday** magazine's Long Island Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Bill Kropp and all of the outstanding athletes on the Eastport-South Manor High School Boys 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 Eastport-South Manor High School Boys Varsity Volleyball Team: Mason Ward, Destin Voorhees, Danny Tiedemann, Mark Porcelli, Frank Montalbano, Chance Hobin, Christian Herr, Tim Glover, Hank Foglia, AJ D'Gracia, Ayden DesLauriers, Jake DesLauriers, and Arman Azizi, and Head Coach Bill Kropp upon the occasion of capturing the 2021 NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Eastport-South Manor High School Boys Varsity Volleyball Team and Head Coach Bill Kropp.