

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING the Utica 1 Curling Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2022 United States Women's Curling Association National Championship

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those exemplary athletes and organizations that excel in club athletics, distinguishing themselves through notable achievements and representing the great Empire State with pride and determination; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Utica 1 Curling Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2022 United States Women's Curling Association (USWCA) National Championship; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Utica 1 Curling Team defeated the Blackhawk Curling Club in a 10-6 victory to win their first Championship since 1967 on Sunday, February 27, 2022, at the Utica Curling Club in Whitesboro, New York; and

WHEREAS, Led by skip Anne Stuhlman and included Liz Kaido, Melissa Foote, and Erlene Puleo, who subbed for injured Audrey Foot, the Utica 1 Curling Team earned the A Event Trophy, a silver-plated punch bowl sponsored by the Wauwatosa Granites Curling Club; and

WHEREAS, The USWCA has more than 85 member clubs and almost 5,000 individuals; in its 73rd year, the USWCA's annual tournament included 32 teams from 12 states; and

WHEREAS, All of the outstanding athletes on the Utica 1 Curling Team have clearly utilized dedication, determination and teamwork in providing a lasting contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their club; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the Utica 1 Curling Team: Anne Stuhlman, Liz Kaido, Melissa Foote, Erlene Puleo and Audrey Foot upon the occasion of capturing the 2022 United States Women's Curling Association National Championship; and

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Utica 1 Curling Team.