

BY: Senator BAILEY

CONGRATULATING the Mount Vernon High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Basketball Class AA Championship on March 19, 2022

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 Mount Vernon High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2022 NYSPHSAA Basketball Class AA Championship; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the number one ranked Knights defeated number two ranked Green Tech High School in a decisive 55-45 victory to capture Mount Vernon's 12th boys basketball title on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate this momentous triumph, the Mount Vernon City School District will hold a parade in the team's honor, beginning at the Mount Vernon High School and ending at City Hall; and

WHEREAS, The championship also marks Head Coach Bob Cimmino's eighth title and 576th career victory, tying him with a former Peekskill coach for the most wins ever in Section 1 history; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of maroon and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Knights throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive undefeated 24-0 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Bob Cimmino, and Assistant Coaches Dwayne Murray, Garee Bryant, Patrick Theodule, and Anthony Pavlacka 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 Bob Cimmino and all of the outstanding athletes on the Mount Vernon 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 Mount Vernon High School Boys Basketball Team: Elijah Morris, Justin Robinson, Jasair Barnes, Tristian George, Jayden Austin, Jaden Fearon, Brandon Sinclair, Miguel Nunez, Dylan Colon, Jaylin Sampson, Chris Fitzgerald, Leon Simon, Demarly Taylor, Tavien Tyler, Manny Barkor, and Omari Hart; Head Coach Bob Cimmino, and Assistant Coaches Dwayne Murray, Garee Bryant, Patrick Theodule, and Anthony Pavlacka upon the occasion of capturing the 2022 NYSPHSAA Basketball Class AA Championship on March 19, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Mount Vernon High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team; Varsity Head Coach Bob Cimmino; Assistant Coaches Dwayne Murray, Garee Bryant, Patrick Theodule, and Anthony Pavlacka; Strength Coach Danilo Hutchinson; JV Coach Bryan Browne; Freshmen Coach Rich Suozzo, Modified Coach Leon Friday, and Team Manager Kendra Smith.