

BY: Senator PALUMBO

CONGRATULATING the Pierson High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the Long Island Basketball Class C Championship on March 9, 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 Pierson High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team of Sag Harbor, New York, upon the occasion of capturing the Long Island Basketball Class C Championship; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Whalers defeated Carle Place High School in a thrilling 55-51 victory to capture Pierson's first Long Island boys basketball title since 1978, on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at Centereach High School; and

WHEREAS, Pierson High School then defeated number one ranked Alexander Hamilton High School in a thrilling come from behind 65-63 victory in the Class C Regional Finals on Sunday, March 13, 2022, at Yorktown High School; with this monumental win, the Whalers qualified for the NYSPHSAA Basketball Class C Championship at the Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, After an impressive and hard-fought semi-final round, the Pierson Whalers were narrowly defeated by the Newfield Trojans; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of scarlet and black, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Whalers throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach William Fujita and Assistant Coach Kevin O'Halloran 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 William Fujita and all of the outstanding athletes on the Pierson 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 Pierson High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team: Brendan Burke, Dominick Mancino, Keanu King, Logan Hartstein, Daniel Labrozzi, Brandan Winenga, Fritz Desir, Leo Butler, Cecil Munshin, Wilson Bennett, Pierre DuPlessis, Charlie Culver, Aven Smith, Charlie McLean, and Paul Roesel; Head Coach William Fujita and Assistant Coach Kevin O'Halloran 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 Pierson High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, Head Coach William Fujita and Assistant Coach Kevin O'Halloran.