

BY: Senator O'MARA

CONGRATULATING the Avoca/Prattsburgh High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Basketball Class D 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 Avoca/Prattsburgh High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2022 NYSPHSAA Basketball Class D Championship; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the number five ranked Tigers/Vikings defeated number 10 ranked Heuvelton High School in a decisive 70-58 victory to capture the title on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of maroon/gold and green/white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Tigers/Vikings throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive undefeated 27-0 overall record; and

WHEREAS, Since the two schools combined their athletic programs, the boys basketball team has not lost a game, winning 38 straight games in two seasons; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Brian Putnam, and Assistant Coaches Zac Devoe, Mike Tones, and Steve Hopkins 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 Brian Putnam and all of the outstanding athletes on the Avoca/Prattsburgh 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 schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the Avoca/Prattsburgh High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team: Sawyer Devoe, Evan Campbell, Macoy Putnam, Tucker Gerych, Caleb Johnson, Haden Abbott, James Forte, Aiden Schlesing, Pacey Hopkins, Jamel Crowder, and Jamison Reagan; Head Coach Brian Putnam, and Assistant Coaches Zac Devoe, Mike Tones, and Steve Hopkins upon the occasion of capturing the 2022 NYSPHSAA Basketball Class D Championship on March 19, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Avoca/Prattsburgh High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, Head Coach Brian Putnam, and Assistant Coaches Zac Devoe, Mike Tones, and Steve Hopkins.