

**BY:** Senator RATH

**CONGRATULATING** the University of Buffalo Football Team upon the occasion of winning the Camellia Bowl

**WHEREAS,** Individual and team championships are highly sought after in college 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 University of Buffalo Football Team upon the occasion of winning the Camellia Bowl on Friday, December 25, 2020, at the Historic Cramton Bowl in Montgomery, Alabama; and

**WHEREAS,** To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Bulls defeated Marshall in a 17-10 victory to capture the Championship; and

**WHEREAS,** With both teams' defenses shinning throughout the game, the first points were scored by the University of Buffalo on 4th and goal early in the second quarter; the Bulls and the Thundering Herd went on to be tied 10-10 for most of the second half before an 88-yard drive by the Buffalo Bulls led to its go-ahead touchdown with 1:09 left to play in the game; and

**WHEREAS,** This monumental victory marks the end of the season for the Buffalo Bulls who went undefeated in their shortened regular season and were ranked in the AP Poll for the first time in program history; and

**WHEREAS,** Proudly donning the school's colors of blue and white, family, friends, and the Buffalo community-at-large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Bulls throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 6-1 overall record; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as football, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Lance Leipold 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,** Coach Lance Leipold and all of the outstanding athletes on the University of Buffalo Football 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 University of Buffalo Football Team: Eddie Wilson, Ron Cook, Jr., Antonio Nunn, Daniel Lee, Aapri Washington,

Trevor Bycznski, Isaiah King, Kevin Marks, Jr., Tim Terry, Casey Case, Max Michel, E.J. Brown, Kyle Vantrease, Dominic Johnson, Dylan McDuffie, Marcus Fuqua, Matt Myers, Winkeith Akin, Jr., Aaron Chase, Lonnie Rice, Sean Colgan, Carlton Todd, Jackson Baltar, Alex McNulty, Bernard Porter, Jahkeel Reef, Roy Baker, Trevor Wilson, Javien Cuff, Shemar Hayes, James Patterson, Kolbe Burrell, Mark Davis, Jr., Keith Woetzel, Cory Gross, Jr., Tajay Ahmed, Caleb Tate, Jaret Patterson, Tyree Thompson, Jalen McNair, Caron Robinson, Larry Robbins, Rich Miller Jr., Ryan Razzano, Kadofi Wright, Owen Chambers, Jailen Nias, Bryce Johnson-Maith, Dylan Powell, Evan Finegan, Brendan Pyne, Jason McCarthy, Jake Molinich, Evan Gantley, Caleb Arena, Wyatt Molinich, Taylor Riggins, Malcolm Koonce, Zander Heim, Shaun Dolac, C.J. Bazile, Kyler Laing, Jake Zimmer, Jeremiah Riordan, Alain Schaerer, Trevor Cahill, Dom Polizzi, Mike Novitsky, A. J. Urbaniak, Mike Dempsey, Michael Ford, Jr., Jacob Gall, Donovan Cornelius, Gabe Wallace, Nick Zikuski, Ray Thomas-Ishman, Deondre Doiron, Kayode Awosika, Bence Polgar, Sam Todd, Anthony Laudicina, Caelan Shepard, Tyler Doty, Jack Klenk, Tyler Stephens, Tyree O'Neil, Marlyn Johnson, Jackson Westfall, James Hook, Tahliq Battle, Jovany Ruiz, Dajuan Hudson, Zac Lefebvre, George Wolo, Mason Hoose, Michael Tetteh, Eric Black, Garrett Selover, Tyrece Woods, Jr., Jordan Avissey, Ronald McGee, Jake Fuzak, Tyrone Hill, Trevor Borland, Logic Hudgens, Cole Burniston, Nick Hunter, Evan Davis and Ali Abbas; Head Coach, Lance Leipold; Associate Head Coach, Rob Ianello; and Coaching Staff, Brian Borland, Andy Kotelnicki, Chris Simpson, Jim Zebrowski, Taiwo Onatolu, Scott Fuchs, Jeff Burrow, George Ricumstrict and Issac Reed 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 University of Buffalo Football Team, Head Coach Lance Leipold, Associate Head Coach Rob Ianello and Coaching Staff.