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CONGRATULATING the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School Varsity Field Hockey Team and Head Coach Kelly Vrooman upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class B State Championship

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School Varsity Field Hockey Team and Head Coach Kelly Vrooman upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class B State Championship; and

WHEREAS, The Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School Varsity Field Hockey Team defeated Section 8 Champion Garden City at Centereach High School in Centereach by a score of 2-1 on Sunday, November 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The Spartans' post-season journey to this remarkable achievement began with a sectional championship win over South Glens Falls 1-0, a Regional Championship win against Holland Patent 3-1, and a Semi-Final victory versus Rondout in double overtime; and

WHEREAS, The Spartans finished 13-1 in the Suburban Council and captured their first state championship in field hockey since 1987; the team also garnered a number 13 national ranking by MaxPreps; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 18-2 is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by the Spartans is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Kelly Vrooman, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for her ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School Varsity Field Hockey Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the championship, were a sisterhood of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the Burnt Hills-Ballston

Lake High School Varsity Field Hockey Team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Kelly Vrooman and all of the outstanding athletes have clearly made a 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 Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School Varsity Field Hockey Team; its members: Emily Brooks, Madelyn Connelie, Kaelin Fish, Jacelyn Hild, Makayla Hild, Maggie Holmes, Katherine Jensen, Addisyn Knapik, Caroline Kogut, Amelia Landry, Margaret Lansley, Lily Mastrella, Lillian Morse, Alexandra O'Rourke, Molly Pochobradsky, Grace Todd, Madeline Tse, Jessica Zalucki; Coach Kelly Vrooman, and Assistant Coaches, Jen Loria and Kate Mastrella, 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 Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School Varsity Field Hockey Team, Head Coach Kelly Vrooman, Assistant Coaches Jen Loria and Kate Mastrella, Athletic Director Joe Scalise, Principal Timothy Brunson and Superintendent Patrick McGrath, Jr.