

BY: Senator RHOADS

CONGRATULATING the Seaford High School Varsity Cheerleading Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State High School Cheerleading Championship

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 Seaford High School Varsity Cheerleading Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State High School Cheerleading Championship at Visions Federal Credit Union Veterans Memorial Arena in Binghamton, New York; and

WHEREAS, Winning back-to-back State titles, the Seaford High School Varsity Cheerleading Team's success is derived from the squad's tireless work ethic; the Vikings set a goal to achieve 30 hits, which is when a team performs an entire routine without a deduction, by the end of the season; and

WHEREAS, To elevate their performance this year, girls on the Seaford Cheerleading Squad learned and perfected the front tuck-up; and

WHEREAS, With this monumental win, the Vikings earned an invite to the UCA National Championship, where they placed eighth in the Division II large team finals; and

WHEREAS, Remaining undefeated in the county, the Seaford High School Varsity Cheerleading Team competed in the Nassau County Championship, where the Vikings earned the highest score with a 97.3; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of green and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Vikings throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive overall record and an undefeated season for the sixth year in a row; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as competitive cheerleading, which demands athletic prowess, strength and agility, Head Coach Lisa Ferrari worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the mat; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Lisa Ferrari and all of the outstanding athletes on the Seaford High School Varsity Cheerleading 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 Seaford High School Varsity Cheerleading Team: Kayla Fallarino-Forte, Ella Bloom, Brianna Mirenda, Miranda Montes, Jillian Bartolomeo, Arianna Cangero, Juliana Strippoli, Angelina Monopoli, Sophia Sampogna, Taylor Difondi, Angelina Fernandez, Vienna Kalischer, Alexandra Podesta, Shayla Fox, Katie Kofod, Ashley Rauch, Cassidy Rosen, Gab Caporaso, Isabella Strippoli, Jessica Haering, Lauren Bowers, Hayley Kern, Marisa Patsatsis, Codi Kasparian, Melissa Pheiffer, and Kayleigh Elias and Head Coach Lisa Ferrari upon the occasion of capturing the New York State High School Cheerleading Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Seaford High School Varsity Cheerleading Team and Head Coach Lisa Ferrari.