

BY: Senator O'MARA

CONGRATULATING the Corning Rugby Club upon the occasion of capturing the 2023 RugbyNY High School Girls Championship on June 4, 2023

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 Corning Rugby Club upon the occasion of capturing the 2023 RugbyNY High School Girls Championship on Sunday, June 4, 2023, at Tim Russert Park in West Seneca, New York, to be celebrated at the Corning Rugby Club's End of Season Family Social on Tuesday, June 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The Corning Rugby Club was established in 2016, with the Girls program beginning in 2018; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Corning Rugby Club defeated Orchard Park Rugby with a score of 22-20 in a battle to win the first State Championship for the Club; and

WHEREAS, Some highlights of the Corning Rugby Club's season include, finishing the season with a 8-2 record; the Club held a 2-1 record at the Elite Girls Rugby League Emerging Club competition where the girls defeated Hudson Catholic from New Jersey and Greenwich from Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as rugby, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Robert McGee, Assistant Coaches Michael Larrabee and Craig Johnson, and staff members Ava Marie Ruland, Ali-Anis Rhanime, Zachary Wood, Brad Violette, Layla Melozzi, and Fred Bain 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, Head Coach Robert McGee and all of the outstanding athletes on the Corning Rugby Club 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 Corning Rugby Club: Alyssa Ainsworth,

Caitlyn Bain, Silvana Bilcari, Jaylin Butler, Keira Ceralde, Kendra Close, Ella Cosier, Kaydence Ector, Julia Gridley, Zoe Harmer, Jordan Hill, Tori Holmes, Josie Loeber, Lillian Medrek, Cortlin Ember Moses,

Kathryn Ouyang, Taylor Piece, Mykaela Reed, Cori Recktenwald, Kaegan Rhodes, Kylie Richards, Amanda Stephens, Desirae Stickler, Laci Stocum, Lillian VanSlyke, Olivia Zawko; Head Coach, Robert McGee; Assistant Coaches, Michael Larrabee and Craig Johnson; and staff members Ava Marie Ruland, Ali-Anis Rhanime, Zachary Wood, Brad Violette, Layla Melozzi, and Fred Bain upon the occasion of capturing the 2023 RugbyNY High School Girls Championship on June 4, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Corning Rugby Club, Head Coach, Robert McGee; Assistant Coaches, Michael Larrabee and Craig Johnson; and staff members Ava Marie Ruland, Ali-Anis Rhanime, Zachary Wood, Brad Violette, Layla Melozzi, and Fred Bain.