

Senate Resolution No. 2068

BY: Senator ROLISON

CONGRATULATING the Our Lady of Lourdes High School Girls Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 NYSPHSAA Basketball Class AAA Championship on March 17, 2024

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 Our Lady of Lourdes High School Girls Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 NYSPHSAA Basketball Class AAA Championship, held on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Our Lady of Lourdes High School Girls Basketball Team bested Section 3's Liverpool High School in a decisive victory with a final score of 69-54; and

WHEREAS, Capturing their first state title since 2004, the Warriors were accompanied by police and fire trucks for a celebratory escort through Poughkeepsie after their monumental win; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of navy blue and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Warriors throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 24-1 record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Al Viani and Assistant Coaches Jessica Paden and Wayne Neal 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 Al Viani, Assistant Coaches Jessica Paden and Wayne Neal, and all of the outstanding athletes on the Our Lady of Lourdes High School Girls 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 school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

congratulate the members of the Our Lady of Lourdes High School Girls Basketball Team: Ameila Fatigate, Kayla Johannesen, Lila Lovgren, Claire Wagner, Sofi Pelish, Molly Dwyer, Kamira Sutton, Katelynn Savona, Simone Pelish, Jackie Kozakiewicz, and Bianka Velovic; Head Coach Al Viani; and Assistant Coaches Jessica Paden and Wayne Neal upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 NYSPHSAA Basketball Class AAA Championship on March 17, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Our Lady of Lourdes High School Girls Basketball Team; Head Coach Al Viani; and Assistant Coaches Jessica Paden and Wayne Neal.