

Senate Resolution No. 2072

**BY:** Senator ASHBY

**CONGRATULATING** the Columbia High School Girls Bowling Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 NYSPHSAA Bowling Championship on March 10, 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 Columbia High School Girls Bowling Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 NYSPHSAA Bowling Championship, held on Sunday, March 10, 2024 at AMF Strike N Spare Lanes in Syracuse, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Columbia High School Girls Bowling Team had a total pinfall of 5,982 over the six championship games; they were 301 pins above their closest opponent; and

**WHEREAS,** Proudly donning the school's colors of blue and white, family, friends, and the community-at-large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Blue Devils throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive victory and the team's third state championship; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as bowling, which demands athletic prowess, precision and adaptability, Head Coach Lisa Johnas and Assistant Coach Bill Neumann 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 lanes; and

**WHEREAS,** Head Coach Lisa Johnas and Assistant Coach Bill Neumann and all of the outstanding athletes on the Columbia High School Girls Bowling 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 Columbia High School Girls Bowling Team: Kara Barcher, Emily Beardsley, Marissa Bogholtz, Jennifer Doty, Cierra Gabriel, Alexis Gaudette, Grace Steele, and Kendra Szczepkowski; Head Coach, Lisa Johnas; and Assistant Coach, Bill Neumann on their outstanding season; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Columbia High School Girls Bowling Team; Head Coach, Lisa Johnas; and Assistant Coach, Bill Neumann.