

BY: Senator WALCZYK

COMMENDING the Hammond High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of Capturing the NYSPHSAA Basketball Class D 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 Hammond High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Basketball Class D 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 Hammond High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team bested the Northville Falcons in a riveting game with a final score of 54-34 points; and

WHEREAS, The Red Devils returned to the state championship looking to win a back-to-back state title for the second time in school history, as the defending state champions would do just that as they capture the state title; and

WHEREAS, Proudly showcasing the school's colors of red and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Red Devils throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 23-3 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed, and agility, Head Coach Alyssa Crosby and her expert coaching staff 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 Alyssa Crosby, Assistant Coaches John Arquitt and Katina Dillon, Team Manager Railyn Law, Bookkeeper Alyvia Crosby and all of the outstanding athletes on the Hammond High School Girls Varsity 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 Hammond High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team: Shae Rosenbarker, Josephine Hodgdon, Mikayla Jones, Makia Greene, Addison Webster, Raelee Downs, Jocelyn Bush, Isabelle Woodcock, Mia Tulley, Ava Howie, Addison Graveline, and Landree Kenyon; Manager: Railyn Law; Assistant Coaches: John Arquitt and Katina Dillon; and Head Coach Alyssa Crosby upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 NYSPHSAA Basketball Class D Championship on March 17, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Hammond High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team, and Head Coach Alyssa Crosby.