

BY: Senator ASHBY

CONGRATULATING the Catholic Central Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class A Championship on March 16, 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 Catholic Central Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class A Championship on Saturday, March 16, 2024; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Crusaders defeated the Walter Panas High School team in a 64-62 victory to capture the Championship title; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of purple and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Crusaders throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 25-1 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed, and agility, Head Coach Audra Di Bacco and her skilled coaching staff 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, Coach Audra Di Bacco and all of the outstanding athletes on the Catholic Central High School 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 Catholic Central High School Varsity Basketball Team: Amia Rodriguez, El'Dior Dobere, Tanavia Turpin, Meghan Paul, Kristen Foglia, Meaghan Finn, Gabriella Di Bacco, Akarri Gaddy, Ava Oeffler, Brooklyn Moore, Kelise Campbell, and Emma Sagendorf, as well as Head Coach Audra Di Bacco and Assistant Coaches Nicole Riddick and Riqiya Harris, upon their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Catholic Central High School Varsity

Basketball Team, Head Coach Audra Di Bacco, and Assistant Coaches Nicole Riddick and Riqiya Harris.