

BY: Senator MAY

CONGRATULATING the Moravia High School Girls Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Basketball Class C Championship on March 15, 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 Moravia High School Girls Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Basketball Class C Championship, held on Friday, March 15, 2024, at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Moravia High School Girls Basketball Team won their first state title in a decisive victory over Duanesburg with a final score of 46-45; and

WHEREAS, The Blue Devils made history this season, remarkably, winning their first Section IV championship over Watkins Glen, and then driving on to their first state title championship in program history; and

WHEREAS, With the Moravia High School Boys Basketball Team capturing the championship as well on March 16, 2024, it is the first time ever a school from Section IV has earned both the boys and girls state titles in the same year; both teams received a joyous welcome home from the community with a "champions parade" through the village; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of navy 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 24-1 record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach John Crossgrove and Assistant Coach Scott Badman 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 John Crossgrove, Assistant Coach Scott Badman, and all of the outstanding athletes on the Moravia 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 Moravia High School Girls Basketball Team: Kylee Cooper, Daisy Drake, Olivia Genson, Gabriella Heim, Lily Heim, Lashley Heredia Castillo, Kendall Hess, Jessalyn Jones, Allison Kehoe, Jordan Smith, and Caraline Wasileski; Head Coach John Crossgrove; and Assistant Coach Scott Badman upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Basketball Class C Championship on March 15, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Moravia High School Girls Basketball Team; Head Coach John Crossgrove; and Assistant Coach Scott Badman.