

BY: Senator MANNION

CONGRATULATING the West Genesee High School Varsity Boys Ice Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Boys Division I Ice Hockey Championship on March 12, 2023

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 West Genesee High School Varsity Boys Ice Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2023 NYSPHSAA Boys Division I Ice Hockey Championship; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the West Genesee Wildcats defeated Suffern High School in a dominating 6-0 victory to win their first title since 2010 on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at the LECOM Harborcenter in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning their colors of blue and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Wildcats throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 23-3 record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as ice hockey, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Frank Colabufo and Assistant Coach Robert Shattell worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the ice; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Frank Colabufo and all of the outstanding athletes on the West Genesee High School Varsity Boys Ice Hockey 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 West Genesee High School Varsity Boys Ice Hockey Team: Luke Alfieri, Christian Ball, Luke Beck, Carson Berg, Liam Burns, Dillon Collier, Ryan Considine, Jesse DeSena, Logan DeWaters, Kyle Evanchak, John Giannuzzi, Michael Hard, Jared Jaeger, Elliot Kawa, Mason McAloon, Riley McAloon, Kaiden McBride, Jack Mellen, Jackson Pensabene, Jacob Pensabene, David Petrus, William Schneid,

William Shields, Michael Vetter, Jonah Vormwald, Evan Zoanetti and Owen Zoanetti; Head Coach Frank Colabufo and Assistant Coach Robert Shattell

upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Boys Division I Ice Hockey Championship on March 12, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the West Genesee High School Varsity Boys Ice Hockey Team, Head Coach Frank Colabufo, Assistant Coach Robert Shattell, and volunteers, Sean Coakley, Sam Colabufo and Brian Long.