

BY: Senator WALCZYK

CONGRATULATING the Hammond Central School Varsity Girls Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Class D Championship on March 19, 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 Hammond Varsity Girls Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Class D Championship, to be celebrated with the community at a banquet in the school gym on Thursday, May 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Red Devils defeated Oxford Academy in a decisive 61-37 victory to win the championship on Sunday, March 19, 2023, at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning 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 overall 21-1 record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Alyssa Crosby and Assistant Coaches John Arquitt, Katina Dillon and Chet Truskowski 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 and all of the outstanding athletes on the Hammond Central School Varsity 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 Hammond Central High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team: Zoey Cunningham, Raelee Downs, Ava Howie, Landree Kenyon, Hailee Manning, Mikayla Jones, Sadey Sprabary, Mia Tulley, Laurall Vinch and Isabelle Woodcock; Head Coach Alyssa Crosby; and

Assistant Coaches John Arquitt, Katina Dillon and Chet Truskowski upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Class D Championship on March 19, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Hammond Central School Varsity Girls Basketball Team, Head Coach Alyssa Crosby, and Assistant Coaches John Arquitt, Katina Dillon and Chet Truskowski.