

Senate Resolution No. 1300

BY: Senator HELMING

CONGRATULATING the York Middle/High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team upon the occasion of winning the NYSPHSAA Class D State Championship

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 York Middle/High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team upon the occasion of winning their first-ever NYSPHSAA Class D State Championship at the Harding Mazzotti Arena in Glens Falls, New York, on Sunday, November 23, 2025; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Golden Knights defeated Candor Junior/Senior High School in a 3-0 victory to win the championship; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of purple and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the York Middle/High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive overall 19-1 record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as volleyball, which demands quick decision-making, intense concentration, and a high level of physical prowess, Head Coach Kaitlin Kolb 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 Kaitlin Kolb and all of the outstanding athletes on the York Middle/High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team have clearly displayed growth and success, contributing to their school's mission of rising to the challenge; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the York Middle/High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team: Madalena Balisciano, Jordan Ray, Bailey Orman, Erin Knapp, Jaelyn "JJ" Kane, Bree Parsons, Fiona Grant, Madison Ezard, Kylee Koronas, Leah Cuozzo, Sylvianna Heineman, and CC Biondo; Head Coach Kaitlin Kolb; and Assistant Coaches Mikayla Johnson, Lonni Carroll, Beth Niedermaier and Steven Carroll on their outstanding season and winning the NYSPHSAA Class D State Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the York Middle/High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team; Head Coach Kaitlin Kolb; Assistant Coaches Mikayla Johnson, Lonni Carroll, Beth Niedermaier and Steven Carroll; Superintendent David Furletti; Athletic Director Kurt Schneider; and School Board President Daniel Ayers.