

Senate Resolution No. 265

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING the Mohawk Valley Community College Men's Soccer Team upon the occasion of capturing the NJCAA Division III Men's Soccer Championship on November 17, 2024

WHEREAS, Individual and team championships are highly sought after in college 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, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Mohawk Valley Community College Men's Soccer Team upon the occasion of capturing the NJCAA Division III Men's Soccer Championship; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC) Men's Soccer Team won its first national championship in program history after defeating six-time defending champions Dallas Richland 2-1 on Sunday, November 17, 2024, during the NJCAA Division III Men's Soccer Championship hosted by Genesee Community College in Batavia, New York; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of green and gray, the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Hawks throughout their journey as they ended their dream season with an impressive 14-2-3 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as soccer, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, and mental toughness, Head Coach Dominic DiMaggio and Assistant Coaches Grant Calogero and Adnan Bakalovic worked hard to hone the skills of this outstanding team, teaching these incredible athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Dominic DiMaggio and all of the outstanding athletes on the MVCC Men's Soccer 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 Mohawk Valley Community College Men's Soccer Team: Asim Gacic, Jaime Mata, Tony Gjomemo, Daniel Beltran, Victor Marconato Paganini, David Perez Salgado, Felipe Machado, Souayibou Diop, Joao Vitor Fuentes, Santiago Molina Villafane, Gustavo Nunes, Dani Rojas Cubillas, Davi Pena Moretzsohn, David Kamara, Kevin Binde, Adelin Buljubasic, Jorge Angeles, Georgios Spyrou, Lucas Lacerda,

Alejandro Limardo Vasquez, Ahmadou Amar, Carlos Alberto Martins Neto, Mihajlo Jankovic, Ervin Ruznic, Dereck Correa, Andrew Dischiavo, Javier Montesinos Da Torre, Ale Seho, Oscar Otero Navarro, Cristopher Torres

Alvaro, Dan Shmat, Dosseh Awoussi, Amir Halilovic, Roman Kulev, Jared Palacios, Joao Victor Prado, Caio Santana, Josh Gorgas, Malone Vanstone, Leo Elsdon, Nidal Ramic, Chrishaun McKenzie, Raphael Augustus Garofalo, Jesus Sanchez, and Denilson Solis-Munoz; Head Coach Dominic DiMaggio; and Assistant Coaches Grant Calogero and Adnan Bakalovic; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Mohawk Valley Community College Men's Soccer Team, Head Coach Dominic DiMaggio, and Assistant Coaches Grant Calogero and Adnan Bakalovic.