

**BY:** Senator MAY

**CONGRATULATING** the Marcellus Girls Varsity Soccer Team upon the occasion of winning the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class B Championship on November 17, 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 Marcellus Varsity Girls Soccer Team upon the occasion of winning the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class B Championship on Sunday, November 17, 2024; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Mustangs defeated Cold Spring Harbor in a 4-0 victory to win the Championship; and

**WHEREAS,** Proudly donning the school's colors of green, red, and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Mustangs throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive overall record; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as soccer, which demands athletic prowess, speed, and agility, Head Coach Laurie Updike 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 field; and

**WHEREAS,** Coach Laurie Updike and all of the outstanding athletes on the Marcellus Girls Varsity 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 Marcellus Girls Varsity Soccer Team and Head Coach Laurie Updike upon their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Marcellus Girls Varsity Soccer Team and Head Coach Laurie Updike.