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CONGRATULATING the Portville High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 New York State Class C 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 Portville High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 New York State Class C Championship with an exciting 3-1 win over Mount Academy on Sunday, November 24, 2024, at Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Lady Panthers throughout their journey as they ended their season with a perfect 24-0 record; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Kelly Unverdorben and Assistant Coach Brandi Payne, skilled and inspirational tutors respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Portville High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the championship, were a sisterhood of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as volleyball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Kelly Unverdorben and Assistant Coach Brandi Payne 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, These outstanding athletes on the Portville High School Girls Varsity Volleyball 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 Portville High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team: Addie Walker, Gaitley Maiolo, Marissa Carls, Maddy

Ford, Adriana Ensell, Bella George, Leigha Stives, Mia Rhinehart, Ana Haynes, Gracelyn Maiolo, Brielle Fidurko, Hanna Wysocki, Maddie Baldwin, Laney Vincent and Ali Haynes; Head Coach, Kelly Unverdorben; and Assistant Coach, Brandi Payne on 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 Portville High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team; Head Coach Kelly Unverdorben; Assistant Coach Brandi Payne; Team Managers Brynlee Turek, Emma Colligan, Elaine Thompson and Ella Wentworth; Junior Varsity Coach Paul Mann, Modified Coach Jean Bantleman, Statistician Rick Coletti, Athletic Trainer Matt Gnan, and Athletic Director Beth Colligan.