Assembly Resolution No. 55

**BY:** M. of A. Walsh

**CONGRATULATING** the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Field Hockey Team and Head Coach Kelly Vrooman upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 Class B NYSPHSAA Field Hockey 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 Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Field Hockey Team and Head Coach Kelly Vrooman upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 Class B NYSPHSAA Field Hockey Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Spartans defeated Lakeland High School in a 3-0 victory to win the Championship on Sunday, November 17, 2024, at Arlington High School in Lagrangeville, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Proudly donning the school's colors of maroon and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Spartans throughout their journey as they ended their season with an undefeated 21-0 overall record; and

**WHEREAS,** The Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Field Hockey program, since 2012, has won 11 sectional titles, four consecutive Suburban Council Championship titles, six New York State Final Four appearances and now, two NYS Class B Championship titles; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as field hockey, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Kelly Vrooman, and Assistant Coaches Jen Loria and Kate Mastrella 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,** Head Coach Kelly Vrooman, Assistant Coaches Jen Loria and Kate Mastrella and all of the outstanding athletes on the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Field Hockey 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 Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Field Hockey Team: Anna Caccamo, Gabriella Donahue, Kaelin Fish, Kailtyn Green,

Addisyn Knapik, Grace Kogut, Katie Lansley, Maggie Lansley, Taylor Loria, Lily Mastrella, Maddy Mazzone, Quinn Stowell Melley, Lillian Morse, Kayla Mosher, Allie O'Rourke, Layla Sharp, Halie Tomlinson and

Isabella Yecies; Head Coach Kelly Vrooman; and Assistant Coaches Jen Loria and Kate Mastrella 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 Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Field Hockey Team, the aforementioned Coaches, Athletic Director Joe Scalise, Principal Timothy Brunson and Superintendent Dr. Patrick McGrath, Jr.