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CONGRATULATING the Portville Junior-Senior High School Girls Volleyball Team upon the occasion of winning the NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball 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 Junior-Senior High School Girls Volleyball Team upon the occasion of winning the NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Class C Championship on November 23, 2025, at the Harding Mazzotti Arena in Glens Falls, New York; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Lady Panthers defeated Section IX Mount Academy to capture the championship; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning their 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 an impressive 19-1 overall record; and

WHEREAS, This state championship marks the 10th time that the Portville Junior-Senior High School Girls Volleyball Team has captured this remarkable title; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as girls volleyball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Paul Mann and his expert 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 Paul Mann and all of the outstanding athletes on the Portville Junior-Senior High School Girls 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 Portville Junior-Senior High School Girls Volleyball Team: Madison Baldwin, Marissa Carls, Lilly Deck, Madison Ford, Bella George, Ali Haynes, Ana Haynes, Gaitley Maiolo, Gracelyn Maiolo, Mia Rhinehart, Ava Scanlon, Leigha Stives, Elaina Thompson, and

Adelyn Walker; Head Coach Paul Mann; and Assistant Coaches Christa Wentworth-Hollamby, Brandi Payne, and Jean Bantleman 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 Junior-Senior High School Girls Volleyball Team, Head Coach Paul Mann, and Assistant Coaches Christa Wentworth-Hollamby, Brandi Payne, and Jean Bantleman.