

**BY:** Senator FUNKE

**CONGRATULATING** the Victor High School Boys Ice Hockey Team and Head Coach Michael R. Ferreri upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Division 1 Ice Hockey Championship on March 11, 2018

**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 Victor High School Boys Ice Hockey Team and Head Coach Michael R. Ferreri upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Division 1 Ice Hockey Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Blue Devils defeated Niagara-Wheatfield in a decisive 5-1 victory to capture their first Championship on Sunday, March 11, 2018, at the HarborCenter in Buffalo, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to this monumental win, the Victor High School Boys Ice Hockey Team were the Section V Divisional Champions, Section V Class A Champions, and Regional Champions; and

**WHEREAS,** Proudly donning the school's colors of blue and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Blue Devils throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 22-0-4 overall record; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as ice hockey, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Michael R. Ferreri and Assistant Coaches Trevor Sousa, Bryan Kavanaugh, Nate Vankouwenberg, and John Crean worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the ice; and

**WHEREAS,** Head Coach Michael R. Ferreri and all of the outstanding athletes on the Victor High School Boys Ice 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 Victor High School Boys Ice Hockey Team: Ashton Collazo, Josh Albert, Chris Baker, Ricky Currier, Ryan McNamara, Alex Hernandez, Connor Gelabert, Evan Millspaugh, Tristen Sulecki, Liam

Moore, Jack McCandless, Peter Rydzynski, Lukas Miller, Riley Hauf, Roman Czornobil, Mitch Rydzynski, Ryan Briggs, Tony Prem, Payton Francher, Sam Lambert, Andrew Crean, Cal Lambert, Bennett Prince, James Tilley, Pieter Bartelse, Chayse Ierlan, Georgios Stathopoulos, and Team Manager Josh Herendeen; Head Coach Michael R. Ferreri; Assistant Coaches Trevor Sousa, Bryan Kavanaugh, Nate Vankouwenberg, and John Crean; Athletic Trainer Cesar Nava; and Athletic Director Ron Whitcomb upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Division 1 Ice Hockey Championship on March 11, 2018; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Victor High School Boys Ice Hockey Team, Head Coach Michael R. Ferreri, Assistant Coaches Trevor Sousa, Bryan Kavanaugh, Nate Vankouwenberg, and John Crean, Athletic Trainer Cesar Nava and Athletic Director Ron Whitcomb.