

BY: Senator HELMING

CONGRATULATING the Webster Thomas High School Cheer Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Co-Ed Division Cheerleading Championship on March 2, 2019

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 Webster Thomas High School Cheer Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Co-Ed Division Cheerleading Championship on Saturday, March 2, 2019, at the Rochester Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Titans bested Frontier High School to capture the Championship; with this monumental win, the team earned an automatic bid to Nationals at Walt Disney World in Florida, where they placed second; and

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

WHEREAS, In a sport such as competitive cheerleading, which demands athletic prowess, strength and agility, Head Coach Michelle Byam and her 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 mat; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Michelle Byam and all of the outstanding athletes on the Webster Thomas High School Cheer 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 Webster Thomas High School Cheer Team: Ryan Abrey, Sophie Adorante, Blake Baker, Alyssa Cala, Jordan DiNieri, Lillian Hewitson, Megan Knope, Aydan LaCroix, Avery Polizzi, Olivia Posella, Alexandra Puccio, Shealyn Rickard, Stephanie Roeder, Isabella Romano, Alyssa Rosa, Madeline Taddeo and Sara Tomei; and Head Coach Michelle Byam upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Co-Ed Division

Cheerleading Championship on March 2, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Webster Thomas High School Cheer Team, and Head Coach Michelle Byam.