

**BY:** Senator TEDISCO

**CONGRATULATING** the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Girls Varsity Volleyball Team, and Head Coach Gary Bynon upon the occasion of capturing the 2021 New York State Class A Championship

**WHEREAS,** Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

**WHEREAS,** Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

**WHEREAS,** The Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Girls Varsity Volleyball Team captured the 2021 New York State Class A Championship with an impressive 25-8, 25-18, 25-13 triumph over Walter Panas High School on Sunday, November 21, 2021, at Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls; and

**WHEREAS,** Utilizing outstanding talent and exceptional team play, the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Spartans capped a spectacular season by winning their eighth state title in school history in addition to record-setting 19th straight state final four appearance; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Girls Varsity Volleyball Team's successful season included the Harold Van Earden Memorial Championship, a Cider Challenge Championship, the John Glenn Tournament Championship, along with their 34th Suburban Council Division title; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to their many athletic accomplishments, the Spartans displayed extraordinary academic effort by achieving a Scholar-Athlete team grade point average of 96.8 percent; they have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

**WHEREAS,** The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Gary Bynon, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** The hallmarks of the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 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,** Coach Gary Bynon has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

**WHEREAS,** Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Gary Bynon and these exceptional athletes have clearly made a 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 Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Girls Varsity Volleyball Team; its members: Alexa Belanger, Callie Chevalier, Sophie Chevalier, Sophia Commisso, Danielle DeBonis, Peyton Felix, Sophia Goss, Abigail Harper, Kiera Hartpence, McKenna Law, Sarah Robbins, Carlie Rzeszotarski, Leah Scalise, Sophia Tassone, Jenna Vaughan ; Coach Gary Bynon, and Assistant Coaches Jennifer Loud, Lauren Bynon and Bill York on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Girls Varsity Volleyball Team, the aforementioned coaches, Athletic Director Joe Scalise, Principal Timothy Brunson and Superintendent Patrick McGrath, Jr.