

Senate Resolution No. 1532

**BY:** Senator BORRELLO

**CONGRATULATING** the Portville High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2021 NYSPHSAA Class C Volleyball Championship on November 21, 2021

**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 High School Girls Volleyball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2021 NYSPHSAA Volleyball Class C Championship; and

**WHEREAS,** To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the number 6 ranked Panthers defeated number 9 ranked Millbrook High School in a thrilling 3-1 (25-18, 21-25, 25-21, 25-17) victory to capture the Championship on Sunday, November 21, 2021, at Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** This monumental win marks the fifth New York State title for the Lady Panthers' volleyball program; and

**WHEREAS,** Proudly donning the school's colors of maroon and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Panthers throughout their journey as they ended their season with a 42-5 overall record; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as volleyball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Kelly Unverdorben and Junior Varsity Coach Mackenzie Gnan 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,** Head Coach Kelly Unverdorben and all of the outstanding athletes on the Portville Girls Varsity High School 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 the Portville Girls Varsity High School Volleyball Team: Kylie Blessing, Jillian Stebbins, Lizzie Chapman, Ali Haynes, Addie Walker, Olivia Cook, Adriana Ensell, Mia Rhinehart, Sam

Steadman, Ava Haynes, Emily Jordan, Brielle Fidurko, Natalie Maurer, Tori Unverdorben, Lillian Bentley and Mindy Maurer; Head Coach Kelly

Unverdorben and Junior Varsity Coach Mackenzie Gnan 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 Girls Varsity High School Volleyball Team; Head Coach, Kelly Unverdorben; Junior Varsity Coach, Mackenzie Gnan; Manager, Danielle Lundfelt; Assistant Manager, Abram Cook; Ball Girl, Megan Wenke; and Statistician, Rick Coletti.