

BY: Senator BIAGGI

CONGRATULATING the Pelham Memorial High School Varsity Ice Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Division II 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 Pelham Memorial High School Varsity Ice Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Division II Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Pelicans defeated the Starpoint Spartans in the thrilling 7-6 overtime victory to capture the Championship on Sunday, March 13, 2022, at the LECOM Harborcenter in Buffalo, New York; and

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

WHEREAS, In a sport such as ice hockey, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Ed Witz 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 ice; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ed Witz and all of the outstanding athletes on the Pelham Memorial High School Varsity 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 Pelham Memorial High School Varsity Ice Hockey Team: Chris Franchini, Shep Solimine, Zach Long, Will Crotty, Eric Elbery, Luke Green, Nick Scampoli, Jordan Hurd, Ben Rosenberg, Danny Gallivan, Sam Long, Griffin Evans, Henry Smith, Mark Rosa, Angus Deeney, Lou Marcellino, Daniel Mitrione, Reid Finster, Dean Shannon, Mark Tarazi, Zyde Karame, Jack Mallinson, Chris Ripoll and Gavin Kleinberger; and Head Coach Ed Witz; and Assistant Coaches Robert Kelly and Michael Cambria, 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 Pelham Memorial High School Varsity Ice Hockey Team, and Head Coach Ed Witz.