Senate Resolution No. 1024

BY: Senator O'MARA

CONGRATULATING the Avoca-Prattsburgh Varsity Boys Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Class D Championship on March 19, 2023

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 Avoca-Prattsburgh Varsity Boys Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Class D Championship, which will be celebrated at an Athletic Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, June 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Titans defeated Chapel Field Christian Central High School in a decisive 70-48 victory to win back-to-back championships and their fourth between the two school's program history on Sunday, March 19, 2023, at the Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of black and old gold, 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 25-2 record; and

WHEREAS, Since the merger of Avoca and Prattsburgh's boys basketball teams in 2020, the Titans are 62-2 with three straight Section V Class D titles; in 1999, Avoca High School beat Prattsburgh High School in the Section V Class D state qualifier, which was Avoca's first section championship in 20 years, and Prattsburgh's D2 crown was its third section title since 2015; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Brian Putnam and Assistant Coaches Zac DeVoe, Steve Hopkins, and Andy Ratchford have 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 Brian Putnam and all of the outstanding athletes on the Avoca-Prattsburgh Varsity Boys Basketball 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 Avoca-Prattsburgh High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team: Sawyer DeVoe, Evan Campbell, Macoy Putnam, Jaeden Crowder, Haden Abbott, Josiah Stilson, Chris Abbott, James Forte, Jamel Crowder, Connor Hammond, Dayton Putman, Jamison Reagan, Daniel Stilson, and Collin Hammond; Head Coach Brian Putnam; and Assistant Coaches Zac DeVoe, Steve Hopkins, and Andy Ratchford upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Class D Championship on March 19, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Avoca-Prattsburgh Varsity Boys Basketball Team, Head Coach Brian Putnam, and Assistant Coaches Zac DeVoe, Steve Hopkins, and Andy Ratchford.