Senate Resolution No. 52

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Gina Klepadlo upon the occasion of winning a Gold Medal in Bocce at the 2022 Special Olympic USA Games

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay just tribute to those citizens who embody the true American spirit, demonstrating personal courage and conviction in pursuit of athletic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Gina Klepadlo upon the occasion of winning a Gold Medal in Bocce at the 2022 Special Olympic USA Games which were held June 5-12, 2022, at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Local Olympian Gina Klepadlo, 31, returned home a champion of the Bocce Ball section of the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games which featured a wide variety of more than 300 athletes, including those from the islands, competing in Bocce singles, doubles and unified competitions; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Rome, New York, Gina Klepadlo captured a gold medal in singles and a silver medal in doubles; her team finished fifth in the team event; and

WHEREAS, In addition to Bocce, Gina Klepadlo swims and plays golf at the state level; she also competes in track and field, basketball and bowling; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by Gina Klepadlo is due in great part to the efforts of her coaches, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, A determined, strong and dedicated athlete, Gina Klepadlo's drive to work, learn and improve her skills no matter what are truly unmatched; and

WHEREAS, Through sports, Gina Klepadlo developed the talent and confidence to become a national champion; and

WHEREAS, Overcoming much adversity, Gina Klepadlo's positive attitude and tireless dedication has inspired countless others to reach their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and applaud the achievements of its citizens who would elect to challenge life with an uncommon spirit and determination, demonstrating by example and purposeful action that commitment to personal goals is the wellspring of self-fulfillment and triumph; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Gina Klepadlo upon the occasion of winning a Gold Medal in Bocce at the 2022 Special Olympic USA Games; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gina Klepadlo.