

Senate Resolution No. 571

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**CONGRATULATING** the Section III Girls Gymnastics Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Girls Gymnastics Team Championship on March 4, 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 Section III Girls Gymnastics Team upon the occasion of capturing their third consecutive NYSPHSAA Girls Gymnastics Team Championship on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Kenmore West High School in Buffalo, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** The Section III Girls Gymnastics Team won the event with an incredible score of 184.450, beating the second-place team by .5 points; and

**WHEREAS,** The Section III Girls Gymnastics Team is comprised of nine students, Grayson Gall, Hannah Hughes, Madison Scranton, Julia Makuszak, Jayla Jordan, Antoinette Sakellariou, Payton Smith, Aubrey Hughes, and Katie DiStefano, who come from several different high schools, New Hartford, Sauquoit, Whitesboro, New York Mills, JDFM and Oriskany; and

**WHEREAS,** The team's overall record is outstanding; throughout the season, they were loyally and enthusiastically supported by their families, teammates, friends and the community at large; and

**WHEREAS,** Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and the Section III Girls Gymnastics Team has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their schools; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Section III Girls Gymnastics Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2022 NYSPHSAA Girls Gymnastics All Around Championship on March 4, 2023; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Section III Girls Gymnastics Team.