Assembly Resolution No. 80

BY: M. of A. Flood

CONGRATULATING the Ward Melville High School Varsity Girls Soccer Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2022 NYSPHSAA Soccer Class AA Championship on November 13, 2022

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 Ward Melville High School Varsity Girls Soccer Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2022 NYSPHSAA Soccer Class AA Championship; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the number 11 ranked Patriots defeated number 6 ranked Clarence High School in a thrilling overtime victory to capture their first ever Championship on Sunday, November 13, 2022, at Tompkins Cortland Community College in Dryden, New York; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of green and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Patriots throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 12-0-3 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as soccer, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Coaches John Diehl, Louise Williams, Amanda Milazzo, and Candace Stewart 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 field; and

WHEREAS, Coaches John Diehl, Louise Williams, Amanda Milazzo, and Candace Stewart and all of the outstanding athletes on the Ward Melville High School Varsity Girls Soccer 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 Ward Melville High School Varsity Girls Soccer Team: Julia Alu, Jill Anderson, Maddy Costello, Peyton Costello, Emma Davino, Courtney Gaine, Eliana Hamou, Keira Hunt, Sarah Jablonsky, Grace Justiniano, Gabrielle Justiniano, Pearl Kenny, Brooke Laine, Aliyah Leonard, Elyse Munoz, Montana Nemeth, Amelia Pirozzi, Emilia

Retzlaff, Kate Ronzoni, Samantha Ruffini, Marissa Tonic, Adriana Victoriano, Alessandra Victoriano, Gabrielle Walker, Cassidy Ward, and Emma Ward; and Coaches John Diehl, Louise Williams, Amanda Milazzo, and

Candace Stewart upon the occasion of capturing the 2022 NYSPHSAA Soccer Class AA Championship on November 13, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Ward Melville High School Varsity Girls Soccer Team, Coaches John Diehl, Louise Williams, Amanda Milazzo, and Candace Stewart, Athletic Trainers Jennifer Chimienti and Ally Pinard, Athletic Director Kevin Finnerty, and Manager Amelia Hughes.