Assembly Resolution No. 883

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WELCOMING the International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship teams to the City of Utica, New York, April 3-14, 2024

WHEREAS, It is with noble admiration that this Legislative Body pays just tribute to those venerable female athletes who distinguish themselves through notable achievements and represent their State and Nation with pride and determination; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body hereby welcomes the International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship teams to the City of Utica, New York, April 3-14, 2024

WHEREAS, The International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Women's World Championship will take over the City of Utica, New York, welcoming teams from 10 different countries and a total of approximately 60,000-70,000 people to the region; this year will mark the fifth time the United States has hosted the championship event and the first time Utica will be the host city; and

WHEREAS, From April 3-14, 2024, nearly 30 women's hockey games will take place inside the Adirondack Bank Center at the Utica Memorial Auditorium in Utica; teams representing the United States, Canada, Czechia, Finland, Switzerland, China, Denmark, Germany, Japan, and Sweden will compete against one another as they all strive to take home the gold; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the games taking place, attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy entertainment and experiences off the ice; the building at 470 Whitesboro Street in Utica will be transformed into the Subaru World Championship Village, a venue which will be open to the public and free to attend every day during the championship; and

WHEREAS, Centrally located on Whitesboro Street and Auditorium Drive, the Subaru World Championship Village will offer visitors a host of exciting, engaging activities to include interactive virtual reality games, lawn games, a biergarten and much more; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, visitors will be able to watch tournament highlights and pre-game shows on large-screen televisions, while enjoying food and beverages from local and area restaurants and take in live music from bands ranging from Nashville to New York; and

WHEREAS, The Subaru World Championship Village will carry outdoors too, where visitors will take in a carnival-like atmosphere featuring an interactive hockey "fun zone," a variety of vendors and more live entertainment; the focal point of the outdoor activities is a Ferris Wheel which will carry passengers high above the City of Utica's skyline; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and the outstanding women in athletics across the globe have clearly contributed to the spirit of excellence which is their tradition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to welcome the International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship teams to the City of Utica, New York, April 3-14, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the participating teams of the International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship.