Senate Resolution No. 1861

BY: Senator BORRELLO

CONGRATULATING the Notre Dame High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2026 NYSPHSAA Class D Girls Varsity Basketball Championship

WHEREAS, Individual and team championships are highly sought after in 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 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 Notre Dame High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2026 NYSPHSAA Class D Girls Varsity Basketball Championship at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, New York, on Friday, March 20, 2026; and

WHEREAS, This victory reflects not only the athletes' exceptional talent and perseverance but also the spirit of sportsmanship and community pride that defines interscholastic athletics in New York State; NYSPHSAA proudly presents 38 State Championship events each year, celebrating the dedication of more than 450,000 student-athletes who continually inspire us through their commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, To the applause of their excited fans, the Notre Dame Irish defeated the previously unbeaten Chateaugay High School's Bulldogs in a thrilling victory, finishing with a score of 65-49, the third NYSPHSAA title in program history, previously won in 1999 and 2013; their journey to the championship stands as a testament to the power of teamwork, hard work, and unwavering determination; and

WHEREAS, Family, friends, and the community loyally and enthusiastically supported the Irish; the two teams traded buckets during the entire third quarter, leaving the margin at 39-38 in favor of the Irish entering the fourth quarter; Notre Dame outscored the Bulldogs 26-11 in the final eight minutes; and

WHEREAS, In a sport, such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed, and agility, Head Coach Vinny Falleti and his incredible coaching staff 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 Vinny Falleti, the coaching staff, and all the outstanding athletes on the Notre Dame High School Girls Varsity

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 Notre Dame High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team: Sofia Falleti, Shirley Thompson, Quinn Boardman, Clairissa Milliman, Gianna Falleti, Penny Jo Thompson, Emma Fitch, Riley Yunker, Harper Ferris, Lillian Thompson, Layla Vasciannie, Lucia Fiorentino, and Madelyn Casey upon the occasion of capturing the 2026 NYSPHSAA Class D Girls Varsity Basketball Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Notre Dame High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team; Head Coach Vinny Falleti; and Assistant Coach Joe Bezon.