

Senate Resolution No. 1988

BY: Senator HELMING

CONGRATULATING the Finger Lakes Community College Men's Volleyball Team upon the occasion of winning its first-ever 2026 NJCAA Division III Men's Volleyball National Championship

WHEREAS, Individual and team championships are highly sought after in collegiate 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 Finger Lakes Community College Men's Volleyball Team upon the occasion of winning its first-ever NJCAA Division III Men's Volleyball National Championship at the College of DuLake in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, on Saturday, April 23, 2026; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Lakers defeated Ocean County College with a final score of 3-1 to win the championship; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of green and blue, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Finger Lakes Community College Men's Volleyball Team throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive overall 22-4 record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as volleyball, which demands quick decision-making, intense concentration and a high level of physical prowess, Head Coach Frank Clark and his skilled 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, Coach Frank Clark and all of the outstanding athletes on the Finger Lakes Community College Men's Volleyball Team have clearly displayed growth and success, rising to the occasion and showcasing a well-rounded and efficient team effort for the entirety of their season; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the Finger Lakes Community College Men's Volleyball Team: Adam Grbic, Jake Seklar, Darin Conrad, Annatolii Stoliarenko, Braden Whitcomb, Cole Thomas, Jackson Blaszw, Ethan Bond, Dominick Alvarado, Joseph Massey, Zach Sipos, Jack Donovan, Aiden Maloney, Ben Zipprich, and Jaylen Ridgeway; Head Coach Frank Clark; and Assistant Coach Ben Gardner on their outstanding season and winning the

2026 NJCAA Division III Men's Volleyball National Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Finger Lakes Community College Men's Volleyball Team, Head Coach Frank Clark, Assistant Coach Ben Gardner, President Dr. Robert Nye, and Athletic Director Samantha Boccacino.