

BY: Senator WALCZYK

CONGRATULATING the LaFargeville High School Girls Basketball Team and Coach Zach Steiner upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class D State Championship

WHEREAS, 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 LaFargeville High School Girls Basketball Team and Coach Zach Steiner upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class D State Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Red Knights defeated Northville in a 43 to 37 victory to capture the Championship at Hudson Valley Community College on March 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of red and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Red Knights throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 22-2 overall record and an undefeated league record of 12-0; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Coach Zach Steiner 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 Zach Steiner and all of the outstanding athletes on the LaFargeville High School Girls 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 LaFargeville High School Girls Basketball Team: Emeline Barton, Morgan LaBow, Jasey Lennox, Ella Porter, Elyza Smith, Ella Hunneyman, Margie Barton, Aveline Hellings, Kyrah Tehoke, Sarah Sourwine, Kendra Lennox, Marlo Porter, Krysta Tehoke, and Chloe Gafford; Coach Zach Steiner; and Manager Elsie Duffany on their outstanding season and capturing the NYSPHSAA Class D State Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to the members of the LaFargeville High School Girls Basketball Team, Coach Zach Steiner, and Manager Elsie Duffany.