

BY: Senator HELMING

CONGRATULATING the Gananda High School Varsity Cheerleading Team upon the occasion of winning the NYSPHSAA Class D State Championship

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 Gananda High School Varsity Cheerleading Team upon the occasion of winning their first-ever NYSPHSAA Class D State Championship at the Visions Veterans Memorial Arena in Binghamton, New York, on Saturday, March 8, 2025; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the team defeated nine other squads by obtaining a score of 69 to capture the State title; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of blue and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Gananda High School Varsity Cheerleading Team throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as cheerleading, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Jenn Pero and her 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 mat; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jenn Pero and all of the outstanding athletes on the Gananda High School Varsity Cheerleading 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 Gananda High School Varsity Cheerleading Team: Ellah Maniaci, Alexis Cole, Lacie Wynne, Gianna Caracci, Alycia Rickman, Mollie Mattice, Alyssa Malinak, Leilani Espaillat, Ella Michaels, Leah McAdam, Makenzie Pitre, Gabby DiLorenzo, Kaitlyn Pickering, Claire Dohse, and Morghan Love; Head Coach Jenn Pero; and Assistant Coaches Christina Maniaci and MJ Eckman on their outstanding season and winning 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 Gananda High School Varsity Cheerleading Team, Head Coach Jenn Pero, Assistant Coaches Christina Maniaci and MJ Eckman, School Superintendent Shawn Van Scoy, Athletic Director John Tichacek, and School Board President Greg Giles.