

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING the Mohawk Valley Community College Men's Basketball Team upon the occasion of winning the NJCAA Division III 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 Mohawk Valley Community College Men's Basketball Team upon the occasion of winning the NJCAA Division III Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Hawks defeated the fifth seed team and game host, Herkimer College, in a 58-51 victory on Saturday, March 15, 2025, to win the Championship; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of green and gray, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Hawks throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 29-1 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed, and agility, Head Coach Harley Fuller 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, Head Coach Harley Fuller and all the outstanding athletes on the Mohawk Valley Community College Men's 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 Mohawk Valley Community College Men's Basketball Team: Ty Rivera, Jamir Smith, Jalen Bradberry, James Collar, Gabe Canez, Khai Pugh, AJ Burns, Fabio Barreto, Javon Smith, Andre Pasha, Isaiah Earl, Jae-shaun Felder, Alex Barnhill, and Cam Pownall; Head Coach Harley Fuller; and Assistant Coaches Dylan Drexler and Ray Daley on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Mohawk Valley Community College Men's

Basketball Team, Assistant Coaches Dylan Drexler and Ray Daley, and Head Coach Harley Fuller.