Senate Resolution No. 992

BY: Senator RHOADS

CONGRATULATING the Seaford High School Varsity Cheerleading Team upon the occasion of winning the Traditional Division II Small Varsity National Championship at the UCA National High School Cheerleading Competition

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 Seaford High School Varsity Cheerleading Team upon the occasion of winning the Traditional Division II Small Varsity National Championship at the UCA National High School Cheerleading Competition at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida, from February 7-10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Seaford Vikings defeated their competition of 96 teams from across the nation to capture the coveted national championship--the first of its kind in the school's history and in Nassau County's history; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of white and green, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Vikings throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive perfect season record; and

WHEREAS, During their historic 2024-2025 season, the Seaford High School Varsity Cheerleading Team went undefeated in the fall Game Day season; won the Nassau County Game Day Championship; won the New York State Game Day Championship; went undefeated for the winter season at all local New York State competitions; were the Nassau County Champions; placed second in the New York State Championship; and successfully won four UCA regional competitions, two for Game Day and two for Traditional, which qualified them for UCA Nationals in both the Game Day and Traditional divisions; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as cheerleading, which demands athletic prowess, speed, and agility, Head Coach Lisa Ferrari 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 Lisa Ferrari and all the outstanding athletes on the Seaford 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 Seaford High School Varsity Cheerleading Team: Hayley Kern, Julianna Cannata, Codi Kasparian, Marisa Patsatsis, Melissa Phieffer, Megan Bloom, Ava Ammirati, Paula Kranis, Grace Doerbecker, Lilah Posporelis, Kayleigh Elias, Gianna Cerulli, Gianna Pasquale, Valentina Kalischer, Victoria Stebner, Maria Pineda, Kayla Martell, Gabby Kuffo, Alexandra Monopoli, Jenna Mando, and Brianna Sidoti; Coach Lisa Ferrari; and Assistant Coach Brenda Martin 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 Seaford High School Varsity Cheerleading Team, Head Coach Lisa Ferrari, and Assistant Coach Brenda Martin.