

Assembly Resolution No. 1125

**BY:** M. of A. Hawley

**CONGRATULATING** the Notre Dame High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class D Championship

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those outstanding student-athletes who distinguish themselves through excellence in athletic competition, academic achievement, and exemplary sportsmanship; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Notre Dame High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team of Batavia, New York, upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class D Championship on Friday, March 20, 2026, at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** In a thrilling and hard-fought contest, the Notre Dame Fighting Irish secured the State Championship title with a decisive 65-49 victory over Chateaugay, capping an extraordinary season defined by perseverance, teamwork, and determination; and

**WHEREAS,** Demonstrating resilience and composure on the State's biggest stage, Notre Dame overcame a competitive opponent through disciplined defense and balanced offensive execution, outscoring Chateaugay in the decisive fourth quarter to claim the crown; and

**WHEREAS,** The success of the Notre Dame Girls Varsity Basketball Team is the result of a total team effort, with each student-athlete contributing to the program's outstanding achievement and exemplifying the highest ideals of teamwork, dedication, and sportsmanship; and

**WHEREAS,** The members of the Notre Dame Girls Varsity Basketball Team are: Sofia Falleti, Shirley Thompson, Quinn Boardman, Clairissa Milliman, Gianna Falleti, Penny Jo Thompson, Emma Fitch, Riley Yunker, Harper Ferris, Lillian Thompson, Layla Vasciannie, Lucia Fiorentino, and Madelyn Casey; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition, the team's success is a tribute to the dedication and guidance of its coaches, Vinny Falleti and Joe Bezon, whose leadership, strategic insight, and commitment to excellence inspired their players to perform at the highest level; and

**WHEREAS,** This remarkable achievement marks the third NYSPHSAA State Championship in program history for Notre Dame High School, adding to its legacy of excellence and bringing pride and distinction to the school and the Batavia community; and

**WHEREAS,** The accomplishment of this team stands as a testament to the enduring values of interscholastic athletics, reflecting not only superior athletic ability but also the importance of sportsmanship,

discipline, and unity; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Notre Dame High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2026 NYSPHSAA Class D Championship; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Notre Dame High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team, and Coaches Vinny Falleti and Joe Bezon.