Assembly Resolution No. 120

BY: M. of A. Kassay

CONGRATULATING the Ward Melville Girls Soccer Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 NYSPHSAA Class AAA Championship on November 17, 2024

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 Ward Melville High School Girls Soccer Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 NYSPHSAA Class AAA Championship on Sunday, November 17, 2024, at SUNY Cortland; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Patriots defeated Arlington in a 1-0 victory to win the Championship; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of green and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Ward Melville High School Team throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 20-0-1 overall record; and

WHEREAS, The end of this season elevated Ward Melville's High School Girls Soccer Team record to 56-0-7 since the start of the 2022 season; the Patriots' 63 consecutive games without a loss is an impressive Long Island girls' soccer record; and

WHEREAS, The Ward Melville High School Girls Soccer Team continues to uphold a standard of excellent achievement which is a trademark of their school; the team has won three consecutive state titles, has set a Long Island public school record for consecutive games without a loss, and won county, Long Island, and state championships in 2022, 2023, and 2024; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as soccer, which demands athletic prowess, speed, strategy, and agility, Coaches John Diehl and Louise Williams and their expert 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 field; and

WHEREAS, Coaches John Diehl and Louise Williams and all the outstanding athletes on the Ward Melville High School Girls Soccer 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 Ward Melville High School Girls Soccer

Team: Valentina Arrubla, Jill Anderson, Victoria Casalbore, Lauren Cosenza, Maddie Costello, Courtney Gaine, Breena Harrigan, Kate Herrnstein, Rachel Herrnstein, Emily Herrnstein, Keira Hunt, Sarah Jablonsky, Alexandra Justiniano, Ava Justino, Moly Karp, Norihanna Korzenko, Aliya Leonard, Ella Lineberry, Jayleen Martorell, Ireland McGowan, Mia Modica, Montanna Nemeth, Sadie Pitrelli, Kate Ronzoni, Carolyn Rowe, Adriana Victoriano, Alessandra Victoriano, Cassidy Ward, and Coaches John Diehl and Louise Williams, upon their outstanding season and historic overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Ward Melville High School Girls Soccer Team and to Coaches John Diehl and Louise Williams.