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CONGRATULATING the Berne-Knox-Westerlo Boys Basketball Team upon the occasion of winning the NYSPHSAA Class C 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 Berne-Knox-Westerlo Boys Basketball Team upon the occasion of winning the NYSPHSAA Class C State Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Bulldogs defeated Honeoye in a 63-47 victory to capture the Championship on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at Visions Veterans Memorial Arena in Binghamton, New York; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of maroon and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Bulldogs throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 26-0 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Andrew Wright 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, The hard work and dedication of the Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School Boys Basketball Team paid off, and this year's team is the first in school history to take home the state championship for the boys' basketball program; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Andrew Wright and all of the outstanding athletes on the Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School Boys 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 Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School Boys Basketball Team: Jayden Buie, Dayne Coates, Shane Kirker Jr., Matthew Dwyer, Ethan Simpson, George Wright, Dane Delorm, Arlan Wright, Blake Quay, Justin Murphy, Blake Terrell, Patrick Lendrum, John Meacham, Henry Ferguson, Marshall Stevens, Justin Stevens, and Chris Dwyer; Head Coach

Andrew Wright; Assistant Coaches Chris Brown, Nate Krimsky, George Martin, and John Dwyer; and Manager Filo Pray on their outstanding season, overall team record, and winning the NYSPHSAA Class C State Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School Boys Basketball Team; Head Coach Andrew Wright; Assistant Coaches Chris Brown, Nate Krimsky, George Martin, and John Dwyer; Manager Filo Pray; and Athletic Director Thomas Galvin.