Assembly Resolution No. 64

BY: M. of A. Woerner

CONGRATULATING the Schuylerville High School Varsity Football Team and Head Coach John Bowen upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 NYSPHSAA Class C Football Championship on December 7, 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 Schuylerville High School Football Team and Head Coach John Bowen upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 NYSPHSAA Class C Football Championship on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at the JMA Wireless Dome in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Black Horses defeated top-ranked Salamanca High School in a dramatic 26-20 victory; they bested the No. 1 ranked Warriors, overcoming a 20-7 deficit in the third quarter and the loss of their kicker due to injury; and

WHEREAS, The historic win marked the first state football championship in Schuylerville's program history, following previous finals appearances in 2015, 2019, and 2021, representing a crowning achievement for a program that has consistently demonstrated excellence; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of black and orange, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Black Horses throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 13-1 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as football, which demands athletic prowess, speed, and agility, Head Coach John Bowen and his assistants have 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, Head Coach John Bowen and all of the outstanding athletes on the Schuylerville High School Football 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 Schuylerville High School Football Team:

Ollie Bolduc, Leland Boudreau, Josh Bowen, Jameson Brownell, Landen Cumm. Ernesto DaCosta, John Davis, Rosevald Delair, Chase DeLisle, Madden Dooley, Jensen Drennen, Adam Greyling, Luke Griffen, Desmend Hanna, David Hart, Joseph Headen, Cole Kusky, Jaiden LaMere, Ethan Lavender, Atticus McCarty, Levi Michaud, Max Montgomery, Michael Mullen, Alexander Palmer, Hudson Peck, Alexander Rion, Logan Schrader, Silas Schulte-Lindhorst, Benjamin VanVeghten, Ethan Warner, Emajie White, and Travis Wood; Head Coach John Bowen; and Assistant Coaches Patrick Toomey, Wally Dow, Nicholas Richard, Alex Zuis, Morgan Cornell, Steve Prouty, Jack Burger, Andrew Dumas and Mike Vargues upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 NYSPHSAA Class C Football Championship on December 7, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Schuylerville High School Varsity Football Team, Head Coach John Bowen, the aforementioned Assistant Coaches, Superintendent Dr. Ryan Sherman, Principal James Ducharme, and Assistant Athletic Director Tracy Lyon.