Assembly Resolution No. 838

BY: M. of A. Walsh

CONGRATULATING the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Field Hockey Team and Head Coach Kelly Vrooman upon the occasion of capturing the 2025 Class B NYSPHSAA Field Hockey 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 Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Field Hockey Team and Head Coach Kelly Vrooman upon the occasion of capturing the 2025 Class B NYSPHSAA Field Hockey Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Spartans held on for a 1-0 victory in the final game to win their second consecutive State Championship on Sunday, November 16, 2025, at Arlington High School in Lagrangeville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of maroon and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Spartans throughout their journey as they ended their season with an outstanding overall record of 21-1-1; and

WHEREAS, The Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Field Hockey program, since 2012, has won 12 sectional titles, five consecutive Suburban Council Championship titles, seven New York State Final Four appearances and now, three NYS Class B Championship titles; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as field hockey, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Kelly Vrooman, and Assistant Coaches Jen Loria, Kate Mastrella, Isabel Adams, and Anna Watkins 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, In addition to exceptional team play between the lines, the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Field Hockey Team excelled in the classroom as a scholar athlete team garnering a collective 95.2 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Kelly Vrooman, her Assistant Coaches, and all the outstanding athletes on the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Field Hockey 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 Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Field Hockey Team: Anna Caccamo, Carah DiCaprio, Gabriella Donahue, Madeline Fish, Maddie Flores, Charlie Gardner, Aven Gregory, Maggie Hernandez, Addisyn Knapik, Penelope Kniskern, Grace Kogut, Katie Lansley, Taylor Loria, Lily Mastrella, Kayla Mosher, Lily Nafus, Ella Peconie, Maggie Rodecker, Riley Rodecker, Layla Sharp, Quinn Stowell-Melley, Frankie Wemyss, and Isabel Yecies; Head Coach Kelly Vrooman; and Assistant Coaches Jen Loria, Kate Mastrella, Isabel Adams, and Anna Watkins 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 Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Field Hockey Team, the aforementioned Coaches, Athletic Director Joe Scalise, Principal Timothy Brunson and Superintendent Dr. Patrick McGrath, Jr.