Assembly Resolution No. 997

BY: M. of A. Gray

CONGRATULATING the Potsdam Central High School Girls Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Girls 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 Potsdam Central High School Girls Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Girls Hockey Championship on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at the Utica University Nexus Center in Utica, New York; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Lady Sandstoners defeated Adirondack United in a 3-2 victory to win the championship; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning their school's colors, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Lady Sandstoners throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 17-3-2 overall record; and

WHEREAS, This championship win is Potsdam Central High School's first girls hockey championship in over a decade, demonstrating the remarkable effort that was put in by this season's players and coaches; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as girls hockey, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Joe Stark 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 rink; and

WHEREAS, Coach Joe Stark and all of the outstanding athletes on the Potsdam Central High School Girls 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 Potsdam Central High School Girls Hockey Team: Bailey Aldridge, Rylie Bicknell, Sloane Bicknell, Averie Bicknell, Susannah Bullard, Alexis Crites, Kennedy Colterman, Allyson Draper, Brynlee Desrosiers, Levi Forney, Lucy Frego, Lexi Haught, Hannah Law, Tessa LaSala, Addison Marcil, Avery Marcil, Sophie Manor, Sophie

Merriman, Emily McCarthy, Jillian Pitts, Claire Shoen, Sophie Shoen, Jordyn Scott, Audrey Sheldon, Teagan Sheldon, Gianna Sorrento, Maddison Sorrento, and Myla Thomas; Head Coach Joe Stark; and Assistant Coaches

Lindsay LaSala and Olivia Scott 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 Potsdam Central High School Girls Hockey Team, Head Coach Joe Stark, and Assistant Coaches Lindsay LaSala and Olivia Scott.