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Assembly Resolution No. 711

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CONGRATULATING the Buffalo Bandits Lacrosse Team upon the occasion of capturing the National Lacrosse League Championship on June 3, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those exemplary athletes and organizations that excel in professional athletics, distinguishing themselves through notable achievements and representing the great Empire State with pride and determination; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Buffalo Bandits Lacrosse Team upon the occasion of capturing the National Lacrosse League Championship; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their 18,296 excited fans, the Bandits clinched the title after defeating the Colorado Mammoth in a decisive 13-4 victory in the final game of a best-of-three series on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at KeyBank Center in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, This monumental nine-goal win was the largest margin in a championship game in league history, and the Bandits' fifth championship, and the first since 2008; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the team's colors of orange, black, white, and purple, family members, friends, and the community at large loyally

and enthusiastically supported the Bandits throughout their journey as they ended their regular season with an impressive overall record; and

WHEREAS, The Buffalo Bandits Lacrosse Team led the league in attendance during the 2022-2023 season, averaging nearly 15,000 fans per game at KeyBank Center; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by the Buffalo Bandits Lacrosse Team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach John Tavares and his expert coaching staff, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Buffalo Bandits Lacrosse Team, from the opening game of the season to their outstanding win in the National Lacrosse League Championship game, were a brotherhood of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, and of honor, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Sports competitions instill the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment; Head Coach John Tavares and the Buffalo Bandits Lacrosse Team's outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their organization; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Buffalo Bandits Lacrosse Team upon the occasion of capturing the National Lacrosse League Championship on June 3, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Buffalo Bandits Lacrosse Team, and to

Coach John Tavares.