

## 2023-J2027

Senate Resolution No. 2027

BY: Senator TEDISCO

CONGRATULATING the Stillwater High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Class B Championship on March 15, 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 Stillwater High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Class B Championship; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Warriors defeated Marcellus High School in a hard-fought 59-50 victory to win their second championship in program history on Friday, March 15, 2024, at the Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls, 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 Warriors throughout their journey as they won the Wasaren league with a 16-0 record, and finished the season with an outstanding overall record of 27-1; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Bruce Lilac and his expert coaching staff 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 court; and

WHEREAS, The Warriors demonstrated excellence in the classroom as well as the basketball court being recognized as an NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete team; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Bruce Lilac and all of the outstanding athletes on the Stillwater High School Varsity 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 Stillwater High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team: Lukas Lilac, Carter Wichelns, Thomas McDonough, Shea Brown, Kaelan Leak, Brody Burdo, Mason Wagner, Jack Stewart, Jay Gannon, Jacob Niznik, Jaxon Mueller, James Cocozzo, Landon Staie, and Matt Lutz; Head Coach, Bruce Lilac; Assistant Coaches, Dave Cook, Pete D'Aloia, and

Craig Burdo upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Class B Championship on March 15, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Stillwater High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team, Head Coach Bruce Lilac, Athletic Director Mike Kinney, and Principal James Wager.