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Senate Resolution No. 2092

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING the Utica-Notre Dame High School Girls Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Basketball Class B Championship on March 16, 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 Utica-Notre Dame High School Girls Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 NYSPHSAA Basketball Class B Championship, held on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Utica-Notre Dame High School Girls Basketball Team took its first lead of the game with under 4 minutes left in the last quarter to defeat

top-ranked Albany Academy in a decisive 55-51 victory; and

WHEREAS, Their first state title since 2014, the Jugglers utilized their strengths by applying pressure with defense and making timely offensive plays; trailing 28-18 at half-time, the team was able to close the score gap and dig deep to achieve the win; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of navy blue and old gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Jugglers throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 24-3 record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach John Snyder and Assistant Coaches Tom Pederson, Gillian Keeler, and Gennaro Durso 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, Head Coach John Snyder, Assistant Coaches Tom Pederson, Gillian Keeler, Gennaro Durso, and all of the outstanding athletes on the Utica-Notre Dame High School Girls 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 Utica-Notre Dame High School Girls

Basketball Team: Cory Kearney, Erin Trinkaus, Lauren Kulpa, Maggie Trinkaus, Emma Johnson, Vita Waters, Tessa Arcuri, Amanie Jadwick, Ella Trinkaus, Julianna Otis, Jenna Herron, Abbie Kotary, Lily Johnson,

Olivia Russitano, and Vega Rosemyer; Head Coach John Snyder; and Assistant Coaches Tom Pederson, Gillian Keeler, and Gennaro Durso upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 NYSPHSAA Basketball Class B Championship on March 16, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Utica-Notre Dame High School Girls Basketball Team, Head Coach John Snyder, and the aforementioned Assitant Coaches.