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Senate Resolution No. 2300

BY: Senator MAY

CONGRATULATING the Moravia High School Boys Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Basketball Class C 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 Moravia High School Boys Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Basketball Class C Championship, held on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at the Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Moravia High School Boys Basketball Team bested Haldane in a decisive 41-38 victory at the Class C Championship to win the state title; and

WHEREAS, Their program not winning a state title since 2017, the Blue Devils were determined as they entered the finals; after trailing for much of the first half, the team came back in the second half with incredible motivation to put the odds in their favor; and

WHEREAS, A tough competitor, the Moravia High School Boys Basketball Team played a tight man-to-man defense, shutting down Haldane; in the second half of the game, the Blue Devils outscored their opponent 19-13 and continued to keep their lead to the end; and

WHEREAS, With the Moravia High School Girls Basketball Team capturing the championship as well on March 15, 2024, it is the first time ever a school from Section IV has earned both the boys and girls state titles in the same year; both teams received a joyous welcome home from the community with a "champions parade" through the village; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of blue and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Blue Devils throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 22-3 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Todd Mulvaney and Assistant Coaches Gabe Short, Parker Dickenson, and Cory Langtry 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 Todd Mulvaney and Assistant Coaches Gabe Short, Parker Dickenson, and Cory Langtry, and all of the outstanding athletes on the Moravia High School 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 Moravia High School Boys Basketball Team: Jackson Hares-Ryan, Drew Nye, Thomas Palmer, Riley Jones, Nate Shaw, Abram Wasileski, Aiden Kelly, Westin Walker, Kyler Proper, Logan Bell, Kaiden Sharpsteen, Zach Szachta, Dillon Palmer, Eli Landis, Noah Corbett, Joe Baylor, Jairen Francis, and Will Hess; Managers Dominic Mulvaney and Drew Family; Head Coach Todd Mulvaney; and Assistant Coaches Gabe Short, Parker Dickenson, and Cory Langtry upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 NYSPHSAA Basketball Class C Championship on March 16, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Moravia High School Boys Basketball Team; Head Coach Todd Mulvaney; Managers Dominic Mulvaney and Drew Family; and Assistant Coaches Gabe Short, Parker Dickenson, and Cory Langtry.