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Senate Resolution No. 4444

BY: Senator DEFRANCISCO

CONGRATULATING the Jamesville-DeWitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of winning the 2018 Class A New York State Federation Tournament of Champions

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through rigorous practice, solid teamwork, and a dedicated coaching staff; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, promoting a desire for success, and by developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those young people within our communities, who by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought great pride to their school district and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize and congratulate the Jamesville-DeWitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of winning the 2018 Class A New York

State Federation Tournament of Champions; and

WHEREAS, The J-D Rams won their first-ever Federation title on March 24, 2018, against James Madison High School at the Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Jamesville-DeWitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team had advanced to the Federation competition after winning the 2018 Class A New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Championship; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday March 17, 2018, the Jamesville-DeWitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team faced off against Elmont Memorial High School at Hudson Valley Community College for the NYSPHSAA Class A title, winning the game with a final score of (64-51); and

WHEREAS, For the Jamesville-DeWitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team, this win marked the team's third consecutive NYSPHSAA championship and further established the program as a New York State powerhouse; and

WHEREAS, After winning the NYSPHSAA Class A Championship, the Jamesville-DeWitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team advanced to the New York State Federation Tournament of Champions; the Federation Tournament of Champions brings the public schools champions in Class AA, A and B together with champions from the other state high school leagues that don't participate in the NYSPHSAA tournament; and

WHEREAS, On March 24, 2018, the Jamesville-DeWitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team played James Madison High School in the final game of

the Class A New York State Federation Tournament of Champions; the game was a thriller from start to finish with the J-D Red Rams rallying

strong and tying up the game with 17 points by halftime; and

WHEREAS, Then in the second half of the game, with just 28 seconds remaining and the Golden Knights leading 41-40, the Red Rams got the ball back, drove it to the basket, and took the lead to win the game by just one point, with a final score of 42-41; and

WHEREAS, This victory marks the Jamesville-DeWitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team's first-ever Federation Tournament crown, and wraps up their spectacular 2017-2018 season with an overall record of 25-4; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the outstanding players of the Jamesville-DeWitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team proved to be an unbeatable combination of talent and determination throughout their successful season, reflecting favorably on their high school and the entire Jamesville-DeWitt community; and

WHEREAS, The impressive athletic talent displayed by the Jamesville-DeWitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team is in great part due to the efforts of Head Coach Robert Siechen and Assistant Coaches Caroline Cottet and Scott Gantos; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the Jamesville-DeWitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team 2017-2018 season, the players and coaches were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, friends and fans from throughout the entire community; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Jamesville-DeWitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team rallied behind one another in establishing a sisterhood of athletes and sportsmanship to demonstrate that these team players are second to none; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize and congratulate the members of the Jamesville-DeWitt Varsity Girls Basketball Team: Sydney Baker, Lena Jones, Andrea Sumida, Gabby Stickle, Paige Keeler, Noura El-Hindi, Meg Hair, Jamie Boenheim, Momo LaClair, Kailey McKenna, and Kasey Vaughan upon the occasion of winning the 2018 Class A New York State Federation Tournament of Champions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned players and coaches of the Jamesville-DeWitt Girls Varsity Basketball Team.