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Senate Resolution No. 197

BY: Senator JORDAN

CONGRATULATING the Shenendehowa High School Girls Varsity Swimming and Diving Team upon the occasion of being ranked No. 1 in New York State by the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association

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 Shenendehowa High School Girls Varsity Swimming and Diving Team upon the occasion of being ranked No. 1 out of 21 schools in New York State by the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (NISCA) in the Large School Category (950+ student body); and

WHEREAS, During the 2018 season, the Shenendehowa High School Girls Varsity Swimming and Diving Team scored 5,386 points, a total of 159

more points than the second place team; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of green and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Plainsmen throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive overall record, including winning the Section II Division I Swimming and Diving Championship; to the praise of their excited fans, the Plainsmen scored 441 points, beating out Niskayuna High School by 34 points on Saturday, November 3, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Prior to capturing the Section II Division I Championship, the Shenendehowa High School Girls Varsity Swimming and Diving Team won the 9th Annual Shenendehowa Breast Cancer Awareness Invitational and qualified 12 swimmers and divers for the NYSPHSAA Swim Meet; and

WHEREAS, The Shenendehowa High School Girls Varsity Team was the recipient of the Team Scholar Athlete Award with 24 students holding a GPA of 90 or above, and all members held a GPA of 85 or above; in addition to the team's stellar academic records, two seniors and two sophomores broke the school record in the 400 Freestyle Relay; and

WHEREAS, In sports such as swimming and diving, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Sandra J. Stanislawsky, Dive and Strength Coach Dennis Hogan, Assistant Coaches Alyssa DiFabio and Ryan Gordon, and Yoga Coach Amy Stoup worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both in and out of the pool; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Sandra J. Stanislawsky and all of the outstanding athletes on the Shenendehowa High School Girls Varsity Swimming and Diving 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 Shenendehowa High School Girls Varsity Swimming and Diving Team: Maia Cacchione, Mackenzie Cerny, Kelsey Chu, Lisa Cimino, Evelyn Currier, Izabella Czajkowski, Sophia DiConza, Norah Eisnor, Calista Fasser, Morgan Gilbert, Jessica Gordon, Alice Han, Shauna Killane, Alex Koefel, Jessica Leonard, Gabriela Llera, Abby Lorch, Amanda Macey, Twyla Nastasia, Natalie O'Loughlin, Lauren Ostrander, Lydia Pacinella, Taylor Pazderski, Meghan Rock, Mia Scott, Eva Sheffer, Natasha Sheffer, Bella Silaika, Sophie Silaika, Riley Simmons, Talia Spenziero, Alison Sposili, Lauren Sposili, Grace Thomas, Sarah VanderVeer, Catherine Wang, Emily Wang, Shannon Waryncia, Norah Wilson and Ashley Zachgo; Head Coach Sandra J. Stanislowsky; Dive and Strength Coach Dennis Hogan; Assistant Coaches Alyssa DiFabio and Ryan Gordon; and Yoga Coach Amy Stoup upon the occasion of being ranked No. 1 in New York State, and winning the Section II Division I Swimming and Diving Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Shenendehowa High School Girls Varsity Swimming and Diving Team, Head Coach Sandra J. Stanislowsky, Dive and Strength Coach Dennis Hogan, Assistant Coaches Alyssa DiFabio and Ryan Gordon, and Yoga Coach Amy Stoup.