

## 2013-J2551

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Mount Morris Central High School "Lady Blue Devils" Girls' Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the Section V Class D2 Championship

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor outstanding high school athletic teams that have exhibited the teamwork, commitment and drive to succeed in athletic competitions in this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, The Mount Morris Central High School "Lady Blue Devils" Girls' Basketball Team fought this year to break almost every girls' basketball team record at Mount Morris; and

WHEREAS, This talented group of young athletes embodies the true spirit of teamwork in achieving a goal, all while demonstrating the ability to balance the commitments of academics, family and athletics; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the team's hard work, commitment to excellence and team chemistry, the Lady Blue Devils' coaching staff encouraged this group of talented players as they made their dreams of a Class D2 Sectional Title come true; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Blue Devils Girls' Basketball Team practiced relentlessly; their hard work began to show when they beat two Livingston County teams, York and Geneseo, for the first time in school history; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Blue Devils' sectional run began with a first-round bye; this was another accomplishment that the Lady Blue Devils had never seen in school history; and

WHEREAS, This group of 10 ambitious and dedicated athletes obtained a swift victory against Scio in their first-round home game, but these ladies knew that two more challenging teams would follow; and

WHEREAS, With an eye toward success, in their semi-final match against

Canaseraga, the Lady Blue Devils again were victorious; this led them into the championship versus Whitesville, an Allegany County team with an established record of sectional success; and

WHEREAS, This small rural school, that was consistently breaking school records, began to receive much encouragement and support from the community; the week of the team's championship game, the Lady Blue Devils were overwhelmed with radio interviews, an increased fan base, and even a camera crew; and

WHEREAS, While the Lady Blue Devils graciously appreciated the attention their team was now receiving, they never allowed it to alter their demeanor or play; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing that the team was in a seven point deficit in the fourth quarter of the championship game, Coach Marcie Monegro strategically placed Anna Brado, the only senior and an outstanding three-point shooter back into the game; this move proved to be a success as Brado drained two three-point shots to tie the game, putting the teams into overtime; and

WHEREAS, A bucket by Grace D'Angelo in that extra period slid the Lady Blue Devils into victory with a two point lead over Whitesville; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1924, the Lady Blue Devils Basketball program has never won a sectional title; this year, these fine athletes were proud to bring one home to their outstanding school and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, These young athletes embody the true meaning of hard work and dedication and have given the whole Mount Morris community a renewed pride; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Mount Morris Central High School "Lady Blue Devils"

Girls' Basketball Team; its members: Justine Yates, Autumn Edlen, Tamara Rivera, Linda Brado, Anna Brado, Christina Olverd, Skylar Simmons, Maeve Gardner, Shana D'Angelo, Grace D'Angelo; and Head Coach Marcie Monegro,

Assistant Coaches Laura Bestor and Jim Estruch, and Team Manager Kirsten Rivera on capturing the Section V Class D2 Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Mount Morris Central High School "Lady Blue Devils" Basketball Team.