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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Chenango Forks Football Team and Coach David Hogan upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class C Championship

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; 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, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, The Chenango Forks Football Team are the New York State Class C Champions; the Blue Devils polished off a 70-yard scoring drive three and a half minutes into the fourth quarter for a lead they would not relinquish and held off Rye Neck by a score of 28-27 at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, The outcome brought Chenango Forks its third state title in the program's seventh Week 13 appearance, and first since 2007; the team won titles in 2003 and 2004; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach David Hogan and Assistant Coaches Kelsey Green, Dave Chickanoksy, Mike Curtis and John Petley, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 12-1 is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Chenango Forks Football Team, from the

opening game of the season to participation in the championship, were a brotherhood of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Coach David Hogan has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach David Hogan and these outstanding athletes have clearly made a 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 Chenango Forks Football Team; its members: Sean Miller, Elliott Butler, Dylan Studer, Robert Story, Alex Freije, L.J. Watson, Cody Lamond, Doug Vail, Isaiah Zimmer, Mike Zurenda, Hunter Luybli, Paul Groover, Allan-Michael Rios, Ryan Ehrets, Joe Silvanic, Caleb Gould, Nick Gibson, John Hardy, Andrew Ziegenfus, Gunnar Giordani, Austin Daye, Nate Butler, Antone Samson, Scott Craver and D.J. Ehrets; and Head Coach David Hogan and Assistant Coaches Kelsey Green, Dave Chickanoksy, Mike Curtis and John Petley on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Chenango Forks Football Team and to the aforementioned coaches.