

## 2009-J3632

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Garden City Football Team and Coach Tom Flatley upon the occasion of winning the 2009 Long Island 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 Garden City Football Team are the 2009 Long Island Champions; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Tom Flatley and his team of outstanding assistant coaches, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record 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 Garden City 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 Tom Flatley and his dedicated staff have 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 Tom Flatley 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 Garden City Football Team; its members: Tom Adams, Kyle Minerva, Matthew Montgomery, Chris DiBona, Joe Tursi, Kevin Dachille, Ryan Norton, Andrew D'Antonio, Jimmy Kenny, Tom Gordon, Mark Ellis, Connor Cortese, Robert Savage, Patric Berkery, Andrew Calabro, Liam Kennedy, Eugene Berkery, Scott D'Antonio, Mike Borges, Chris Stapleford, Conor McDonnell, Brian Fischer, Bryan Carney, Stephen Jahelka, James Wright, Joe Visentin, Mike Giannone, Matthew Slovensky, Billy Allen, Anton Dobrolezhin, Brendan Logan, Joseph Gentile, Dan LoSardo, Scott Conetta, Jack Hughes, Scott Ernenwein, Peter Cline, Connor Horl, John Karikas, John Bock, Drew LoCurto, Mike Gilbert, Billy Sweeney, Devin Dwyer, John Spencer, Thomas Fex, Matthew Confort, Andrew Connors, Tom O'Brien, Patrick Niebler, Scott McElroy, Jared Mitchell, Griffin Eilbeck; and Coaches: Tom Flatley, Joe Baccarella, Bob Defliese, David Ettinger, Steve Finnell, and Pete Haeffner on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Garden City Football Team and to Coach Tom Flatley.