

## 2009-K1630

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the West Islip Boys Lacrosse Team and Coach Scott Craig upon the occasion of winning the New York State Class A 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 West Islip Boys Lacrosse Team are the New York State Class A Champions; they defeated Section V's Fairport, 13-5 in the final at LaValle Stadium in Stony Brook; and

WHEREAS, To date, the West Islip Boys Lacrosse Team has had numerous accomplishments over the years, including: 23 straight years in the playoffs; 19 years in the semi-finals; 11 years in the county finals; seven county championships; six Long Island Championships; five Down-state Championships; and four New York State Championship titles; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Scott Craig, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 21-1 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 West Islip Boys Lacrosse 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 favor-

ably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Coach Scott Craig 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 Scott Craig and the outstanding athletes on the West Islip Boys Lacrosse Team 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 West Islip Boys Lacrosse Team; its members: Conor Braddish, Kyle Carrick, Andrew Cataldo, Anthony DeLuca, Michael Diggle, Drew Federico, Joe Finnegan, Connor Fleming, Nick Galasso, Matt Gebhardt, Andrew Hodgson, Kevin McElroy, Tom Montalvo, Rob Moore, Tom Moore, Jon Napoli, Andrew Patti, Stephen Patti, Mike Sagl, Conor Tenety, Kyle Turri, Dan Piening, James Messina, James Tucci, Cody Gallagher, Dan Volk, Dan Cozier, Liam Byrnes, Kyle Kerrigan, Conor Leonard, Mike Koos, Chris Pellati, Andrew Sheehan, Jack Kelly, Dylan Ilario, Ed Ryan, JP Smith, Anthony Perettine, Dylan Kelly, Anthony Santo, and Doug Weisbecker; and Coaches Scott Craig, Bill Turri, Pete Murray, and Jon Reese on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the West Islip Boys Lacrosse Team and to the aforementioned coaches.