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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Coach Russ Cellan and the 2010 Freeport High School varsity football team upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding athletes and coaches who distinguish themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor Coach Russ Cellan and the 2010 Freeport High School varsity football team upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, For the second time in the last three years and 11th time in history, Freeport High School won the Rutgers Cup as the most outstanding high school football team in Nassau County; the Red Devils finished with a record of 11-1 and defeated Floyd, 62-35, to win the Long Island Class I championship; and

WHEREAS, This fine honor is the fifth Rutgers Cup for Coach Russ Cellan, who completed his 25th coaching season at Freeport; and

WHEREAS, In a close, two-team race, Freeport High School received 129 votes and Lynbrook, the Long Island Class III champion, earned 120; these were the only two schools to receive votes; and

WHEREAS, The Rutgers Award, presented annually since 1937, was determined by a vote of Nassau coaches; Freeport's victory over Floyd was the highest-scoring game in the history of the Long Island championships, which began in 1992; the Red Devils also broke Sayville's record of 55 points in a game, set in Sayville's Long Island Championship victory over Wantagh in 2004; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to recognize the 2010 Freeport High School varsity football team which has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of its school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Coach Russ Cellan and the 2010 Freeport High School varsity foot-

ball team upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Coach Russ Cellan and to the 2010 Freeport High School varsity football team.