

## 2011-J1117

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Baldwin High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2011 Long Island Class AA 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 2010-2011 Baldwin High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team won their first Long Island championship with a 44-31 win over Deer Park in the 2011 Class AA Championship/Southeast regional final at Hofstra University; and

WHEREAS, The team finished the season with an outstanding 20-1 record; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by the 2010-2011 Baldwin High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Tom Catapano, Assistant Coach Anthony Bolden and JV Coach Mike Butler; skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The overall record of the 2010-2011 Baldwin High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team was 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 2010-2011 Baldwin High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team, from the opening game of the season to captur-

ing the 2011 Long Island Class AA Championship, were a sisterhood 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 2010-2011 Baldwin High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school and their community; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Tom Catapano, Assistant Coach Anthony Bolden and JV Coach Mike Butler have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the 2010-2011 Baldwin High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Head Coach Tom Catapano, Assistant Coach Anthony Bolden and JV Coach Mike Butler, and the 2010-2011 Baldwin High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team's 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 2010-2011 Baldwin High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team, its members: Ayanna Hudson, Amber Harrison, Alex Hampton, Omosefe Oransaye, Ashley Sobel, Kiera Corbin, Tyra Harrison, Courtney Jackson, Danielle Sheers, Mariah Butler, Ashley McAdams, Keri Seeger, Janae DeGraff and Katie Greene; Head Coach Tom Catapano, Assistant Coach Anthony Bolden and JV Coach Mike Butler; Athletic Director, Eduardo Ramirez; Superintendent, Dr. James Mapes and Principal, Susan Knors; on their outstanding season, overall team record and 2011 Long Island Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members and coaching staff of the 2010-2011 Baldwin High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team and to the school's Athletic Director, Superintendent and Principal.