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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the St. Joe's Boys Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2011 New York State Catholic 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 St. Joe's Boys Hockey Team captured the 2011 New York State Catholic Championship on March 6, 2011, at Buffalo State by defeating St. Anthony's of Long Island by a score of 3-2; this victory completed the team's championship season and is its seventh state Catholic title in the last decade; this Federation title was the first for its Head Coach, Rich Crozier; and

WHEREAS, During the regular season, the Marauders of St. Joe's compiled an outstanding 20-4-2 record, defeating opponents from four different states and four different sections within New York; and

WHEREAS, In the Monsignor Martin Western New York Hockey Federation Private School semifinal contest, the St. Joe's Boys Hockey Team rolled over rival Canisius by a score of 5-0; in the Super Sunday final game on February 27, 2011, against St. Francis, the Marauders triumphed with another shutout victory, 2-0, to capture the Western New York Hockey Federation Private School Championship; and

WHEREAS, The St. Joe's Boys Hockey program has won eight Federation titles, more than any other school; the winning of the 2011 Federation championship is a tradition and an immense source of pride for the St. Joe's Boys Hockey Team; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach, Rich Crozier, and assistant coaches, Don Held, Sean Elliott, Michael Murphy and Patrick Ruggiero, skilled and

inspirational mentors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's 2010-2011 overall record was an outstanding 23-4-2, 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 St. Joe's Boys Hockey Team, from the first game of the season to winning its eighth Federation title and seventh Catholic state 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 community; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach, Rich Crozier, and assistant coaches, Don Held, Sean Elliott, Michael Murphy and Patrick Ruggiero, 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 Head Coach, Rich Crozier, and assistant coaches, Don Held, Sean Elliott, Michael Murphy and Patrick Ruggiero, and the 2010-2011 St. Joe's Boys Hockey 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 St. Joe's Boys Hockey Team; its members: Nicholas George, Matthew Berke, Kevin Danaher, Robert Neff, Dimitrios Gogos, Robert Finn, Tyler Crawford, Aaron Iannello, Tyler Mills, Karl Daniel, Ryan Walerowicz, William Mangione, Michael Iannello, James Deakin, Zachary Klapp, Kyle Moslow, Robert Amos, Eric Paradowski, Connor Hagner, Marc Mallare and Connor Stockman; Head Coach, Rich Crozier, and Assistant Coaches, Don Held, Sean Elliott, Michael Murphy and Patrick Ruggiero; Athletic Director, Pete Schneider; and Principal, Robert Scott; on their outstanding season, over-all team record and outstanding victory in the 2011 New York State Catholic Championship game; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the 2010-2011 St. Joe's Boys Hockey Team; to

Head Coach, Rich Crozier, and Assistant Coaches, Don Held, Sean Elliott, Michael Murphy and Patrick Ruggiero; and to Athletic Director, Pete Schneider, and Principal, Robert Scott.