

## 2011-J3294

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the 2011-12 Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Team at Bay Ridge Prep in Brooklyn, New York, on the occasion of capturing the PSAA JV Boys Basketball 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, Established in 1998, Bay Ridge Prep in Brooklyn, New York, is an independent K-12 college preparatory school offering a strong academic program in a socially mature and positive environment; and

WHEREAS, Serving as the host team for the Private School Athletic Association (PSAA) Junior Varsity Boys Championship basketball games, on February 9, 2012, Bay Ridge Prep in Brooklyn, New York, defeated Evangel Christian School by a score of 51-47 to capture the title; and

WHEREAS, Playing in front of the energetic and largest crowd in the history of a Bay Ridge Prep athletic event, the Tigers of Bay Ridge Prep led by nine points at halftime and withstood a strong Evangel rally in the fourth quarter to win the PSAA JV Boys Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, Winning the 2012 PSAA JV Boys Basketball Championship has galvanized the sports program and entire student body at Bay Ridge Prep in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach, Michael Riley, a skilled and inspirational mentor, respected for his ability to develop potential into

excellence; and

WHEREAS, The overall record of the 2011-12 JV Boys Basketball Team at Bay Ridge Prep 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 2011-12 JV Boys Basketball Team at Bay Ridge Prep in Brooklyn, New York, from the opening game of the season to capturing the PSAA JV Boys Basketball 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 members of the 2011-2012 JV Basketball Team at Bay Ridge Prep have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school and community; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Michael Riley has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the 2011-12 JV Boys Basketball Team members at Bay Ridge Prep toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment; Head Coach Michael Riley and the 2011-12 Bay Ridge Prep JV 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 2011-12 JV Basketball Team at Bay Ridge Prep in Brooklyn, New York, on the occasion of capturing the PSAA JV Boys Basketball Championship; its members: Robert Schwabacher, Gabriel Bassil, Conor McGouran, Joshua Allbrooks, Kelsey Sandiford, Joseph Generso, Max Poret, Abe Assad, James Senisi, Matthew Altman, Stephen Scala, Zachary Kleck-

ner, Zackary Sikarevich, Bobby Schleimer, Yousef Ennab, Haider Ahmad and Christian Edmund; Head Coach, Michael Riley; and Athletic Director, Tony Campbell; on their outstanding season, overall team record and 2012 PSAA

JV Boys Basketball Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the JV Basketball Team at Bay Ridge Prep, and to Head Coach Michael Riley and Athletic Director Tony Campbell.