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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Sachem North High School Varsity Cheerleading Team and Coaches Nicole Roggemann and Christine Sturges upon the occasion of capturing the 2012 UCA High School Cheerleading 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Sachem North High School Varsity Cheerleading Team upon the occasion of capturing the National Championship title on Sunday, February 12, 2012, at the UCA High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, In contending for this coveted title, the Sachem North High School Varsity Cheerleading Team competed against 41 pre-qualifying teams from 33 states across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Competitive cheer routines consist of 2 minutes and 30 seconds of high-energy music sections and a cheer section and take approximately 9 months of training; the first music section consists of tumbling/gymnastics, jumps, partner stunt sequences, and single based stunts; and

WHEREAS, The cheer section of the competition consists of traditional sideline cheering with opportunity for crowd involvement, as you would see at a football or basketball game, with more difficult stunt transi-

tions; and

WHEREAS, After competing in the preliminary round, the Sachem North High School Cheerleaders received the top score of the Medium Varsity Division 1 (16 members-large school) and were given an automatic bid to the final round, bypassing the semi-finals; and

WHEREAS, Hitting a near perfect routine at the finals, the Sachem

North High School Varsity Cheerleading team took home the Championship
title for the first time ever in the school's history; and

WHEREAS, The Sachem North High School cheerleaders had a very successful competitive season; on Long Island, they had two 2nd place and one 1st place finish; and

WHEREAS, At the Long Island Championship, the Sachem North High School cheerleaders placed second before going on to the National Championship; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coaches Nicole Roggemann and Christine Sturges, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record 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 Sachem North High School Varsity Cheer-leading Team, from the start of the season to participation in the 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 team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Coaches Nicole Roggemann and Christine Sturges 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 Coaches Nicole Roggemann and Christine Sturges and their 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 Sachem North High School Varsity Cheerleading Team; its members: Danielle Gresafi (captain), Kelly McCabe (captain), Jennifer Isik (captain), Leah Allen, Toni-Ann Agostinelli, Rachel Lebow, Emily Newman, Kristina Hadnagy, Regina Sarrubbo, Haley DeSimone, Emily Rathmann, Samantha Gambino, Brianna Napolitano, Kaitlin Keohane, Shannon Foster, Samantha Bozza, April Nothdurft, Amanda Prince and Reanna Terano; and Coaches Nicole Roggemann and Christine Sturges on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Sachem North High School Varsity Cheerleading Team and to Coaches Nicole Roggemann and Christine Sturges.