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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the 2011 Hornell High School Varsity Football Team upon the occasion of capturing its third straight New York State Class B 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, On Sunday, November 27, 2011, the Hornell High School Varsity Football Team captured the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class B title on Ernie Davis Legends Field at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, New York, by defeating Croton Harmon 22-6; and
WHEREAS, In winning their third consecutive New York State Class B Football Championship, the Red Raiders of Hornell High School put an exclamation mark on Head Football Coach Gene Mastin's exceptional 28-year career; he will retire with an outstanding career record of 240-75-5; and

WHEREAS, The 2011 Hornell High School Varsity Football Team was the first team in Class B and the 4th team overall in New York State to achieve a "3-peat" championship performance since the tournament was begun in 1993; and

WHEREAS, During its championship 2011 season, the Red Raiders of Hornell High School compiled a perfect 13-0 record and completed a 39 game winning streak; the team was ranked Number 1 in New York State and Number 5 in the Nation for active winning streaks; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the 2011 Hornell High School Varsity Football Team was the recipient of the Rochester Chapter of Certified Football Officials Sportsmanship Award for Livingston County; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Gene Mastin and his coaching staff, skilled and inspirational mentors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record 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 2011 Hornell High School Varsity Football Team, from the opening game of the season to capturing its third straight Class B 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 Gene Mastin and his coaching staff have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the 2011 Hornell High School Varsity Football Team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment; Head Coach Gene Mastin, his coaching staff, and the Hornell High School Varsity Football 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 Hornell High School Varsity Football Team; its

members: Christian Acor, Brendan Buisch, Jake Perno, Kiel Davis, Andrew Cappadonia, Rich Harkenrider, Dominic Scavo (Captain), Trevor Stiles, Zach Poorman, Justin Kelleher, Scott McKibben (Captain), James Cipriano,

Julian Reinhart, Nik DeGaetano, Luke Morgan, Matt Mauro, Jake Mazzatti, Matt Smith, Zack Oyer, Zack Bacon (Captain), Mark Henry, Pat Deebs, Dylan Carlton, Daylan Wetherbee, Pat Matacale, Garrett McDaniels, Dustin Johnson, Dan D'Apice, William Greenthal, Matt Lemmon, Brandon Cavalier, Dustin Romanos (Captain), Jon Peace, Sean Terry, Dustin Shaut, Conner Eveland, and Tyler Ormsby; and Head Coach Gene Mastin and his coaching staff on their third straight New York State Class B championship and outstanding undefeated season; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members and coaching staff of the 2011 Hornell High School Varsity Football Team.