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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the 2011-12 Suffern, New York, High School Boys Varsity Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Division I 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, After surviving four overtimes to win the semi-final game by a shootout against West Geneseo, the Mounties of Suffern High School captured the New York State Division I Boys Hockey Championship with a 3-2 win over Pittsford; and

WHEREAS, In addition to winning the New York State Division I Championship, the 2011-12 Suffern High School Boys Varsity Hockey Team compiled an outstanding 21-2-2 record for the season; and WHEREAS, The 2012 New York State Division I Boys Hockey Championship was the first for Suffern High School in 20 years; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Rob Schelling, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Suffern High School Boys Varsity Hockey Team Coach Rob Schelling was named New York State Division I Coach of the Year for his excellence in coaching; 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 hallmark of the 2011-12 Suffern High School Boys Varsity Hockey Team, from the opening game of the season to capturing the New York State Division I Championship, was a brotherhood of athletic abili-

ty, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these 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, Coach Rob Schelling has 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 Coach Rob Schelling and the 2011-12 Suffern High School Boys Varsity 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 2011-12 Suffern High School Boys Varsity Hockey Team, its members: Ian Adler, Matt Bergstol, Mike Boyd, Adam Brenner, Bill Bristow, Patrick Callinan, Anthony Carudo, Robert Clark, John Costa, Connor Delaney, Dan Demarco, Greg Dgheim, Ryan Fitzgerald, Kevin Haggerty, Sean Haggerty, Kevin Hill, Nick Jaeger, Shane Kolka, Tom Mahoney, Nick Modica, Billy Osborn, John Redgate, Mike Redgate, Willie Sanchez, Steve Scholer, Tyler Stark, and Justin Tiso; Head Coach Rob Schelling, and Assistant Coaches John Rostawanik, Rich Schelling, Joe Lofberg and Jim Flament; and Trainer Rob Addon on their outstanding season, overall

team record and capturing the New York State Division I Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members, coaching staff and trainer of the Suffern High School Boys Varsity Hockey Team.