

2011-K1209

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Riverhead Girls Varsity Basketball Team and Coach David Spinella upon the occasion of capturing the Suffolk County, Section XI and Long Island Championships

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 Riverhead Girls Varsity Basketball Team are the Suffolk County, Section XI and Long Island Champions; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach David Spinella, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his 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 Riverhead Girls Varsity Basketball Team, from the opening game 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, Coach David Spinella has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, There are some individual accomplishments among a few players, they are: Shanice Allen, 1000 career points; Jalyn Brown, 1000 career points and a scholarship to C.W. Post College; and Melodee Riley, 2011 United States Track & Field Athlete of the Year with a scholarship to the University Of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Several coaches received honors, they are: David Spinella, Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach named "Suffolk County Coach of the Year," earning his 100th career victory this season; Jerry Wiesmann, Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach who became the first Riverhead coach to win Long Island Championships with two Varsity Basketball programs (Boys' 1995 and Girls' 2012); and James Janecek, Volunteer Assistant Varsity Coach, and distinguished JV Head Coach; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach David Spinella and these 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 Riverhead Girls Varsity Basketball Team; its members: Amanda Graziano, Marta Czaplak, Melodee Riley, Naysha Trent, Jocelin Zaneski, Aly Doscinski, Katie McKillop, Tonilin Ruisi, Jalyn Brown, Jessica Cheatom, Kaila-Riane Nazario, Mariah Messina, Shanice Allen, Alyssa Meyer, and Gabrielle Green; Athletic Director William Groth and Coaches David Spinella, Jerry Wiesmann, and James Janecek on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Riverhead Girls Varsity Basketball Team and to the aforementioned staff.