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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Erik Divan and Daniel O'Neill of Riverhead High School upon the occasion of winning the 2012 SRAA National Rowing Championship

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in honoring talented high school athletes who distinguish themselves and their community through outstanding athletic and scholastic performances; 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor Erik Divan and Daniel O'Neill of Riverhead High School upon the occasion of winning the 2012 SRAA National Rowing Championship; and

WHEREAS, Over the 2012 Memorial Day weekend, on the Cooper River in Camden, New Jersey, Erik Divan and Daniel O'Neill of Riverhead High School won the Scholastic National Rowing Championship in light weight double sculls; and

WHEREAS, In addition, in 2011, Erik Divan and Daniel O'Neill captured silver medals for their second place finish in this prestigious event; and

WHEREAS, Erik Divan and Daniel O'Neill have also won gold medals at the Mecer Lake Sprints, Cooper Cup Regatta and Stotesbury Cup Regatta; and

WHEREAS, Rowing together for three years as members of the East End Rowing Institute, Erik Divan and Daniel O'Neill are Honor Roll students at Riverhead High School; and

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice; Erik Divan's and Daniel O'Neill's dedication to competitive rowing is a year-round, everyday commitment; they are highly focused and have developed matchless work ethics; and

WHEREAS, Erik Divan's and Daniel O'Neill's exemplary athleticism and

scholastic achievements are reflective of their dedication, determination and personal commitment; their accomplishments stand as a hallmark of what is best in the families, schools and communities across New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Erik Divan and Daniel O'Neill of Riverhead High School upon the occasion of winning the 2012 SRAA National Rowing Championship, and to commend them for the enduring honor they have brought to their family, school and community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Erik Divan and Daniel O'Neill.