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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the 2012 Clarence High School Softball Team upon the occasion of capturing the Class AA New York State 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, In their fifth trip to the New York State softball final four, the 2012 Clarence High School Softball Team rallied to capture the New York State Class AA Championship by defeating Cicero-North Syracuse 3-1; and

WHEREAS, The 2012 New York State Championship Class AA softball championship was the first team state title in any sport in Clarence High School history; it was also the first time a Section VI team has won a softball title since 2006; and

WHEREAS, The Red Devils of Clarence High School advanced to the championship game by defeating General MacArthur High School 9-5 in the semifinals; and

WHEREAS, During the 2012 season, the Clarence High School Softball Team posted an excellent 23-1 overall record; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach, Todd Banaszak, and Assistant Coaches, Kelly Rusin and Megan McDonnell, skilled and inspirational mentors, 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 2012 Clarence High School Softball Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in league play and capturing the New York State Class AA 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 community; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Todd Banaszak and his coaching staff have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the 2012 Clarence High School Softball Team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment; Head Coach Todd Banaszak and his coaching staff, and the 2012 Clarence High School Softball 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 2012 Clarence High School Softball Team, its members: Abigail Brauer, Katrina Buczkowski, Katharine Bull, Alyssa Dewes, Shelby Dolan, Alicia Dolata, Kaycee Fracasso, Allyson Gay, Moriah Harris, Jillian Horvath, Kathryn Milone, Lauren Muni, Victoria Nappo, Sarah Quinn and Maureen Rogers; Head Coach Todd Banaszak, Assistant Coaches, Kelly Rusin and Megan McDonnell; and Team Manager, Michelle DiVita; on capturing the Class AA New York State Championship, and on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members, coaching staff and team manager of the 2012 Clarence High School Softball Team.