

## 2011-J5407

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Chatham Varsity Softball Team and Coach J.B. Brantley upon the occasion of capturing the 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, The Chatham Varsity Softball Team are the New York State Class B Champions; the Lady Panthers defeated Mynderse Academy of Section V by a score of 4-3 in the finals on Saturday, June 9, 2012, at the Adirondack Sports Complex in Queensbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Chatham Varsity Softball Team outscored opponents 27-4 in postseason play which included four shutouts; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Panthers are winners of the "Jiggs" Vetter Sportsmanship Award presented by the New York State Softball Officials for Class B, and were designated as the Scholar Athlete Team, having an overall team GPA of 90 or better; and

WHEREAS, Along with the state championship, the Chatham Varsity Softball Team won the 2012 Patroon Conference Championship, the 2012 Sectional Class B Championship, and the 2012 Regional Championship; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of J.B. Brantley, 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 Chatham Varsity Softball 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 J.B. Brantley 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 J.B. Brantley and the outstanding athletes on the Chatham Varsity Softball Team 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 Chatham Varsity Softball Team; its members: Courtney Mesick, Leah Layton, Karsyn Sawyer, Lindsey Skype, Kayla Doty, Caitlin Gilligan, Michaela Smith, Karlee Shields, Erica French, Hannah Gregg, Allison Mesick, Kaitlin Pearson, Maddy Minahan, Karey Jornov, and Sam Zucco; and Head Coach J.B. Brantley and Assistant Coaches Dan Gregg, Jodi Sullivan, and Pete Minahan, as well as Scorekeeper Cheyenne Shufelt, and Team Manager, Ahenk Yakar on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Chatham Varsity Softball Team and to the aforementioned coaches and staff.