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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the 2012 Oneonta High School Boys Baseball Team 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, On Saturday, June 9, 2012, the Oneonta High School Boys Baseball Team captured the first state baseball championship in the school's history by defeating Briarcliff by a score of 2-0; and

WHEREAS, The Yellowjackets of Oneonta High School advanced to the championship game by coming back from six runs down to defeat defending state champions, Chenango Valley, by a score of 11-10 in the Section Four final; it was Oneonta High School's first Section Four Class B title in a decade; and

WHEREAS, The 2012 Oneonta High School Boys Baseball Team also defeated Westhill by a score of 4-1 and Wayland-Cohocton 8-4, in state tournament play; and

WHEREAS, The 2012 Oneonta High School Boys Baseball Team compiled an outstanding 24-2 season record on its way to the New York State Class B Championship; it is described by many as the best team in Oneonta High School history; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Joe Hughes, a 28-year veteran of

coaching Oneonta High School baseball teams; Head Coach Hughes and Assistant Coaches Mike Jester, Mike Schmitt and Josh Rumenapp are 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 Oneonta High School Boys Baseball Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in league play and in capturing the New York State Class B Championship, were a brotherhood 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 Joe Hughes and his coaching staff have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the 2012 Oneonta High School Boys Baseball Team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment; Head Coach Joe Hughes, his coaching staff and the 2012 Oneonta High School Boys Baseball 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 Oneonta High School Boys Baseball Team; its members: Chris Pindar, Matt Horne, Zach King, Mason Montgomery, Jon Vega, Conor Youngs, Ben Payton, Mark Giallanzo, Ryne Rivino, David

Wright, Ben Moxley, Mike Calkins, Zach Pidgeon, Sean Getman and Zach Erbe; Head Coach Joe Hughes; and Assistant Coaches, Mike Jester, Mike Schmitt and Josh Rumenapp on capturing the Class B New York State Cham-

pionship, 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 and coaching staff of the 2012 Oneonta High School Boys Baseball Team.