

## 2011-J5473

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the 2012 Kingston High School Varsity Boys Baseball Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class AA 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, at the NYSEG Stadium in Binghamton, New York, the 2012 Kingston High School Varsity Boys Baseball Team came from three runs down against defending New York State champion Victor High School to capture the Class AA New York State Championship by a score of 9-8; and

WHEREAS, The 2012 New York State Class AA Championship was the first state championship in the storied history of the Kingston High School Varsity Boys Baseball program; and

WHEREAS, The 2012 Kingston High School Varsity Boys Baseball Team compiled an outstanding 21-5 overall record during the 2012 season; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach, Mike Groppuso, and Assistant Coaches, Matt Johnson, Bret Wrixon and Denis Dwyer, 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 Kingston High School Varsity Boys Baseball Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in league play and capturing the New York State Class AA 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 Mike Groppuso and his coaching staff have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the 2012 Kingston High School Boys Baseball Team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment; Head Coach Mike Groppuso, his coaching staff and the 2012 Kingston 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 Kingston High School Boys Baseball Team; its members: Jerred Beniquez, Pat Dorrian, Zach Short, Chris Saitch, Zach Chilcott, Jesse Uttendorfer, Brandon Kuster, Jake Ryan, Matt Fletcher, Sam Einhorn, Sean Debrosky, Denis Lyman, Devan Shambo, AJ Scarselli, Jake Paul, Colin Lyons and Sam Fisher; Head Coach Mike Groppuso, and Assistant Coaches, Matt Johnson, Bret Wrixon and Denis Dwyer, 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 and coaching staff of the 2012 Kingston High School Boys Baseball Team.