

## 2011-J5368

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the 2012 John A. Coleman Catholic Statesmen Baseball Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class D 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; 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 2012 Coleman Catholic Statesmen Baseball Team captured the Class D State Championship title with a 2-0 victory over Oriskany on Saturday, June 9, 2012<sup>1</sup> at the Class D State Championship, held at Broome Community College; the team won their first state baseball title since 1977, finishing the season with a 10-10 record; Mike Smithmyer was the winning pitcher for Coleman Catholic, striking out 13 Oriskany batters, and allowing only one hit; and

WHEREAS, The 2012 Coleman Catholic Statesmen Baseball team has seven senior players this year; and

WHEREAS, Entering the tournament as the underdogs, the Coleman Catholic Statesmen Baseball team were not even given the chance to get out of Section IX, let alone win a state title; the team entered the playoffs with a 6-10 record, playing the defending Class D state champions to win the Section IX title; in the state semifinals, the team defeated Fort Ann 2-1, leading them on the road to a state title; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by the 2012 John A. Coleman Catholic Statesmen Baseball Team is due in great part to the efforts of their coaching staff, a skilled and inspirational group of tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the 2012 John A. Coleman Catholic Statesman Baseball Team, from the opening game of the season to capturing the

Class D New York State 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 2012 John A. Coleman Catholic Statesmen Baseball Team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school and their community; the coaching staff have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the 2012 Team members toward their goals; and WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and the Statesmen 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 John A. Coleman Catholic Statesmen Baseball Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class D Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the John A. Coleman Catholic Statesmen Baseball Team and its coaches.