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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Garden City Boys Lacrosse Team and Coach Steve Finnell upon the occasion of capturing their fifth New York State Class B Championship along with their superb National No. 1 ranking

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, After chasing its fifth state championship for 12 years, the Garden City Boys Lacrosse Team went undefeated and won the New York State Class B Championship by defeating Irondequoit 11-4; the Trojans also attained a major milestone consensus No. 1 ranking among all high schools throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Garden City Boys Lacrosse Team won their seventh straight Nassau County Class B title along with a third straight Long Island Championship; and

WHEREAS, Ever since defeating then top-ranked Conestoga, Pennsylvania, on April 14, 2012, by a score of 12-11, the Garden City Boys Lacrosse Team had earned the No. 1 National ranking which subsequently made the Trojans the main focal point in high school lacrosse; and

WHEREAS, Although dealing with the pressures of national prominence, these stellar athletes kept their composure throughout the season acquiring a perfect 22-0 record; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Steve Finnell, 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 Garden City Boys Lacrosse Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the 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

WHEREAS, Coach Steve Finnell and Assistant Coaches Dave Ettinger and Joe Jacovina have 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 Steve Finnell and the outstanding athletes on the Garden City Boys Lacrosse 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 Garden City Boys Lacrosse Team; its members: Justin Guterding, Devin Dwyer, Liam Kennedy, Lucas Clay, Anton Dobrolezhin, Dan Marino, Cody George, Jack Worstell, Rob Savage, Ryan Norton, Brian Badgett, Mike Comiskey, Ed Blatz, P.J. McGovern, Kiernan Byrnes, Conor McDonnell, Thomas Holbrook, Connor Marrone, Jack Metzler, Mike Lofrese,

Brian Defliese, Mark Ellis, Skye MacLeod, Matt Schmelzinger, Patric Berkery, Eugene Berkery, Chris Harder, Matt Leto, James Sullivan, Scott D'Antonio, Elias Georgas, Tim McDonagh, Sean Digan, Connor Byrnes, Pat Niebler, Andre Stone, Tom Wright, Matt Ventre, Matt Borges, Dan Dolan, Pat Finneran, Kyle Skramko, and Matt Cortese and Coach Steve Finnell and Assistant Coaches Dave Ettinger and Joe Jacovina, along with Athletic Director Nancy Kalafus on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Garden City Boys Lacrosse Team and to the aforementioned staff.