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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the 2012 New Hyde Park Girls' 11/12 Softball team upon the occasion of capturing the Eastern Region Little League 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 New Hyde Park Girls' 11/12 Softball team is comprised of the top 11- and 12-year-old girls from the New Hyde Park Little League; and

WHEREAS, On July 27, 2012, the New Hyde Park Girls' 11/12 Softball team captured the Little League East Region championship with a 4-1 win over New Jersey Credit Courtesy; and

WHEREAS, By capturing the Little League East Region championship, the New Hyde Park Girls' 11/12 Softball team advanced to the Little League World Series and became the first Long Island team to qualify for the World Series since an Islip team did so in 1993; and

WHEREAS, The 2012 New Hyde Park Girls' 11/12 Softball team is the first girls' team from New Hyde Park to ever play in the Little League World Series; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Tom Donnelly, a skilled and inspirational mentor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The 2012 New Hyde Park Girls' 11/12 Softball team's overall record was 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 New Hyde Park Girls' 11/12 Softball

team were an extraordinary combination 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 community; and

WHEREAS, Coach Tom Donnelly 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 Tom Donnelly and the 2012 New Hyde Park Girls' 11/12 Softball team's outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the 2012 New Hyde Park Girls' 11/12 Softball team, its members and Coach Tom Donnelly, on their outstanding season and winning the Little League East Region championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to members of the 2012 New Hyde Park Girls' 11/12 Softball team and to Coach Tom Donnelly.