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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Wellington C. Mepham High School Varsity Cheerleading Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading 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, January 26, 2013, the Wellington C. Mepham High School Varsity Cheerleading Team won first place at the 2013 New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Cheerleading Championship; and

WHEREAS, The near-flawless choreography of Mepham's 20-person team earned The Pirates a score of 107.63, to finish ahead of Walter Panas (97.37); and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coaches Jayna Kyriacou and Nicole Kyriacou DeBonis, 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 2013 Wellington C. Mepham High School Varsity Cheerleading Team, from the opening of the season to participation in the championship tournament, were an extraordinary combina-

tion 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, Coaches Jayna Kyriacou and Nicole Kyriacou DeBonis 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 Coaches Jayna Kyriacou and Nicole Kyriacou DeBonis, and the 2013 Wellington C. Mepham High School Varsity Cheerleading 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 2013 Wellington C. Mepham High School Varsity Cheerleading Team, its members: Nicole Altomare (Captain); Anthony Boglione; Amanda Bowrosen; Stephanie Brown; Amanda Camhi Kelly Cates; Tyler Dineen; Juliana Dijkstra (Captain); Maryann Ferrara; Deanna Ferrero; Brianna Frobosilo; Ashley Guarascio; Catherine Hackett; Victoria Jacobs; Anthony Jannotti; Kiara Kaylor; Danni Maddalena; Samm Maddalena (Captain); Sophia Malkotsis; Michelle Montevago; Victoria Ponce; Danielle Schulman; Jennifer Schulman; Robin Schwartz; Brenna Sherlock (Captain); Brianna Tohme; Karla Veras; and Coaches Jayna Kyriacou and Nicole Kyriacou DeBonis on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the 2013 Wellington C. Mepham High School Varsity Cheerleading Team; and Coaches Jayna Kyriacou and Nicole Kyriacou DeBonis.