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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Albany Academy Boys Basketball Team and Head Coach Brian Fruscio upon the occasion of capturing its first New York State Class A Federation 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 Albany Academy Boys Basketball Team are the New York State Class A Federation Champions; the Cadets represented the Association of Independent Schools Athletic Association with a victory over PSAL champion John Adams 50-36 at the Times Union Center in Albany, New York, on Saturday, March 23, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Winning the championship in the year of the School's 200th Anniversary, the Albany Academy Cadets are the only Capital Region Team to ever win a Class A Federation Title; in winning its first state title, Albany Academy had destiny on its side after the Cadets scored on a buzzer-beating three pointer with 1.7 seconds left to beat Nazareth in the Friday, March 22, 2013 semifinal; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Brian Fruscio and Assistant Coaches Jim Hart, Jim Mextorf, Hamlet Tibbs, Patrick Neary, Larry Knappek, Greg Davis, and Vince Zabinski, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 16-4 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 Albany Academy Boys Basketball 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, Head Coach Brian Fruscio and his dedicated staff 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 Brian Fruscio and his 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 Albany Academy Boys Basketball Team; its members: Anthony Sidoti, Darren White, Riley Naclerio, Andrew Dufort, John Moutopoulos, Steve Low, Rory Flaherty, Matt Knezovic, Ray Jerome, Nick Fruscio, Sal Arena, Dan Padalino, Jack Morrow, Teigue Donohoe, Ben Brown, Evan Mextorf, Anthony Brock, Karl Signor, Rob McCormick, and Marcus Jackson; Coaches: Brian Fruscio, Jim Hart, Jim Mextorf, Hamlet Tibbs, Patrick Neary, Larry Knapek, Greg Davis, and Vince Zabinski; Head of School Dr. Douglas North; Associate Head of School Scott Milliken; Athletic Director Paul Gallucci; Athletic Trainer Ron Hutchins; Equipment Manager Tom Frame; Score Keeper Paul Perrotta; and PA Announcer Jim

Malone; as well as Student Managers Adam Grego, Kam Filanova, Lamine Gueye, and E.R. Spada on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Albany Academy Boys Basketball Team and to the aforementioned coaches and staff.