

## 2013-J3107

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Max and Katie Bichler upon the occasion of capturing 2nd Place on THE AMAZING RACE: SEASON 22

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the State of New York who, by achieving outstanding success in physical as well as mental competitions, have inspired and brought pride to both the State of New York and their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Max and Katie Bichler upon the occasion of capturing 2nd Place on THE AMAZING RACE: SEASON 22; the end of the couple's dramatic global trek was revealed on Sunday, May 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, THE AMAZING RACE is a multi-Emmy Award-winning reality series which pits 11 teams, each comprised of two members, against each other on a trek around the world for approximately 25 days; at every destination each team must compete in a series of challenges, some mental and some physical, only learning of their next location when their tasks are completed; and

WHEREAS, Max and Katie Bichler are natives of Buffalo, New York; they met at a scholarship charity golf tournament in Canada for St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute; and

WHEREAS, Newlyweds, the couple applied online to be contestants on THE AMAZING RACE before getting married on October 6, 2012; they learned in December that they would be among 11 teams competing; and

WHEREAS, Max and Katie Bichler covered 30,000 miles in their odyssey around the globe; beginning in Los Angeles, the competition took them to French Polynesia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Vietnam, Botswana, Switzerland, Germany, Scotland and Northern Ireland before finishing in Mt.

Vernon, Virginia, the estate of President George Washington; and

WHEREAS, On THE AMAZING RACE, although Max and Katie Bichler got off to a rough start in the first three legs of the race, they rebounded, performing well in the next four stages; they then had an astounding three straight first place finishes in the 9th, 10th, and 11th legs of the competition which earned the couple two 2013 Ford Fusions, a cash prize, and a trip for two to the Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, Max and Katie Bichler's second place finish in the final stage earned them the title of Runners-up for the 22nd season of THE AMAZING RACE; and

WHEREAS, Katie Bichler, a former Buffalo Jills Cheerleader and a standout golfer, earned a doctoral degree from the SUNY University at Buffalo's School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; she currently practices as a pharmacist in Buffalo's Southtowns; and

WHEREAS, Max Bichler is a graduate of St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute in Tonawanda, New York, and Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts; he is currently a Regional Sales Manager at the Rocky Patel Premium Cigar Company; and

WHEREAS, The couple looks forward to enjoying an actual, relaxing honeymoon now that THE AMAZING RACE: SEASON 22 has concluded and has been aired in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, Max and Katie Bichler may stand with just pride in assessing their achievements, recognizing the value of their experiences, the satisfaction of their labors and the joy of their accomplishments; they are appreciative of the support of family and community, and eager to face new challenges; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Max and Katie Bichler upon the occasion of capturing 2nd Place on THE AMAZING RACE: SEASON 22; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Max and Katie Bichler.