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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Baldwinsville All-Star Girls Softball Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Senior League Championship

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, teamwork and a dedicated coaching staff; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those young people within our midst, who by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought pride to their community at-large; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State 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, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize the Baldwinsville All-Star Girls Softball Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Senior League Softball Championship on July 21, 2014, in Haverstraw, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Firebees, which includes players ages 13-16, advanced to the New York State Senior League Softball Championship Tournament, after defeating Wallkill in the semifinal games with a hard-fought 7-5 win; and

WHEREAS, At the New York State Senior League Softball Championship Tournament, the Baldwinsville All-Star Girls Softball Team faced off in a rematch against Ellenville and won the New York State title by scoring seven runs in the seventh inning to break a 6-6 tie; the final score was

Baldwinsville-Ellenville, 13-6; and

WHEREAS, This championship win marked the Baldwinsville All-Star Girls Softball Team first-ever state title to its landmark district championship; and

WHEREAS, The win also helped the Baldwinsville All-Star Girls Softball Team advance to the East Region Senior Softball Championship Tournament in Massachusetts, where the determined team played close games but was eventually defeated by Maryland and New Jersey, ending with an overall 1-3 tournament record; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by the Baldwinsville All-Star Girls Softball Team is due in great part to the efforts of Team Manager Ray Grabowski, and Coaches Brett Naylor and Chris Young, skilled instructors who have helped develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire 2014 softball season, members of the Baldwinsville All-Star Girls Softball Team were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, friends and fans from throughout the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Baldwinsville All-Star Girls Softball Team rallied behind one another in establishing a sisterhood of athletic ability and good sportsmanship, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coaches Brett Naylor and Chris Young and all of the outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Baldwinsville All-Star Girls Softball Team; its members: Hailey Akmentins, Mackenzie April, Serena Capsello, Gabriella

Hahn, Brittany Husted, Kenna Kelley, Jenna Kocik, Sarah Lalla, Jessica Naylor, Sara Napelitano, and Christina Young; and Coaches Brett Naylor and Chris Young on their outstanding season and overall team record; and

be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Baldwinsville All-Star Girls Softball Team, Coaches Brett Naylor and Chris Young, and Team Manager Ray Grabowski.