

## 2015-J2208

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Onondaga Thunder Tier III 12U Boys Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing the Northeast Regional Championship

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through disciplined practice, strong teamwork, and good sportsmanship, 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 hard work, and by encouraging a standard of healthy living; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young athletic teams within the State of New York that, by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought great pride to their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is hereby justly proud to congratulate the Onondaga Thunder Tier III 12 and Under Boys Hockey Team who, at the Northeast Regional Championship, captured the title; which was held in Burlington, Vermont, March 28-29, 2015; and

WHEREAS, In order to advance to the Northeast Regional Championship, the Onondaga Thunder Tier III 12U Boys Hockey Team won the New York State Championship in Buffalo, New York, by going undefeated in five games on the weekend of March 13-15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Then at the Northeast Regional Championship, the Onondaga Thunder Tier III 12U Boys Hockey Team again went undefeated in five games against teams from Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, The Onondaga Thunder Tier III 12U Boys Hockey Team captured the Northeast Regional Championship, after defeating Connecticut with a

3-2 victory in the final game; and

WHEREAS, No team can succeed without outstanding skill and talent throughout its entire roster; such as is the case for the Onondaga Thunder Tier III 12U Boys Hockey Team whose members include: Kiernan Proud, Ben Hammond, Tyler Murray, Colin Jordan, Tanner Burns, Luke Pinckney, Derek Schumaker, Jordan Joslyn, Nick Reed, Brett Collier, Zach Delaney, Sam Bonacci, and Josh Kuchinski; and

WHEREAS, The talent displayed by the Onondaga Thunder Tier III 12U Boys Hockey Team is due in great part to the constant encouragement and dedicated efforts of Head Coach Greg Burns, and Assistant Coaches Greg Murray and Tom Joslyn; and

WHEREAS, Participation in athletic competition instills in our youth the important values of teamwork, pride, and accomplishment, and the players and coaches of the Onondaga Thunder Tier III 12U Boys Hockey Team have clearly contributed to the pride of their Central New York community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Onondaga Thunder Tier III 12U Boys Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing the Northeast Regional Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the players and coaches of the Onondaga Thunder Tier III 12U Boys Hockey Team.