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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Shenendehowa Boys Varsity Baseball Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class AA 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 Shenendehowa Boys Varsity Baseball Team are the 2016 NYSPHSAA Class AA Champions; they captured the title with an exciting 7-6 victory over Webster Schroeder High School at the Regional Playoffs on Saturday, June 11, 2016, at Binghamton University in Vestal, New York; and

WHEREAS, With this victory the Plainsmen have recorded their first Class AA Baseball title in the history of Shenendehowa; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Greg Christadulu, Varsity Assistant Coach Dan Cafarelli, and Varsity Pitching Coach Keith Lansley, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record, 21-5, 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 Shenendehowa Boys Varsity Baseball Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the champion-

ship, 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 Greg Christadulu has 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 Head Coach Greg Christadulu and the 25 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 Shenendehowa Boys Varsity Baseball Team; its members: Benjamin Anderson, Ian Anderson, John Cady, Eric Colon, Matthew Connors, Kyle Douglas, Richard Drum, Kurt Forsell, Joseph Fraser, Michael Gillooley, Kevin Huerter, Nicholas Jacques, Michael Jeffers, Payton Johnson, Nikolas Malachowski, Jonathan Mulligan, Joseph Palko, Frank Pizzo, Brandon Roberts, Devin Smith, Michael Spulnick, Matthew Straney, Griffin Wallner, and Lucian Williams; and Head Coach Greg Christadulu, Varsity Assistant Coach Dan Cafarelli, and Varsity Pitching Coach Keith Lansley, on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Shenendehowa Boys Varsity Baseball Team, Head Coach Greg Christadulu, Varsity Assistant Coach Dan Cafarelli, Varsity Pitching Coach Keith Lansley, and Athletic Director Chris Culnan.