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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Ward Melville High School Boys Lacrosse Team and Coach Mike Hoppey upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class A 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 Ward Melville High School Boys Lacrosse Team are the New York State Class A Champions; the Patriots defeated West Genesee High School by a 16-4 score on Saturday, June 8, 2013, at St. John Fisher College in Pittsford, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Patriots finish as the Nation's No. 1 ranked team; being the eighth title in school history, the team last won the state championship in 2000; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of 32-year Ward Melville Coach Mike Hoppey, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 22-0 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 Ward Melville High School Boys Lacrosse 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, Coach Mike Hoppey 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 Mike Hoppey 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 Ward Melville High School Boys Lacrosse Team; its members: Matthew Befumo, Tyler Blansfield, Jeffrey Bohn, Jack Bruckner, Daniel Bucaro, Anthony Carollo, Michael Cirrone, Michael Cusmano, John Day, Daniel Decker, Fabrizio Declan, Brendan Dooley, Kevin Doherty, David Gibbs, John Grauwiler, Brendan Hegarty, Thomas Kellerman, Jake Kepes, James Kickel, Adam Lapitino, Michael Lee, Christian Mazzone, Conor McAvoy, Jake McCulloch, Kevin McKeever, Robert Mendez, Thomas Moore, Daniel Nemirov, Timothy Petraco, Thomas Reilly, Patrick Roarty, Sean Roche, James Seydel, Brendan Simpson, Andrew Tirelli, Michael Troy, Eric Wang, Ryan Wiberly, and Michael Zerbo and Coach Mike Hoppey upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class A Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Ward Melville High School Boys Lacrosse Team and to Coach Mike Hoppey.