

## 2013-J2553

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Island Trees Girls Softball Team and Coach Michael Bonsignore upon the occasion of capturing the Nassau County 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 Island Trees Girls Softball Team are the Nassau County Class A Champions; the Lady Bulldogs erased a five-run, sixth inning deficit to defeat No. 1 Plainedge, 11-6, in the deciding game 3 of the Nassau County Class A Championship at Mitchell Athletic Complex; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Michael Bonsignore and Assistant Coach Thomas McCormick, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record 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 Island Trees Girls Softball Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the championship, were a sisterhood 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 Michael Bonsignore 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 Coach Michael Bonsignore and the outstanding athletes on the Island Trees Girls Softball Team 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 Island Trees Girls Softball Team; its members: Kimberly Ahrens, Alannah Basile, Kelly Cembrale, Christie Ciaramitaro, Taylor Grieshaber, Cristina Marinelli, Ashley Melendez, Samantha Melendez, Samantha Petry, Shamar Sanchez, Samantha Scharff, Tori Tedeschi, Marissa Trezza, and Karlene Ziegler, and Coach Michael Bonsignore and Assistant Coach Thomas McCormick on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Island Trees Girls Softball Team and to the aforementioned coaches.