

## 2013-J2639

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Hudson Valley Renegades of Wappingers Falls, New York, in recognition of the organization's commitment to giving back to the community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are enhanced by the concerned and dedicated efforts of business organizations and individuals that generously contribute to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Hudson Valley Renegades of Wappingers Falls, New York, in recognition of the organization's commitment to giving back to the community; and

WHEREAS, The Hudson Valley Renegades are a minor league baseball team affiliated with the Tampa Bay Rays; the team is a member of the New York - Penn League, a Class A Short Season league; the team plays at Dutchess Stadium in Wappingers Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, As part of its commitment to give back to the community, the Hudson Valley Renegades have established The Renegades Pitch For Kids Foundation to enhance the quality of life of young people and their families throughout the Hudson Valley by supporting community organizations whose programs make a positive change in youth, their families and the community; and

WHEREAS, Designed to give back to the community that has given it so much, the Hudson Valley Renegades Pitch For Kids Foundation is aimed specifically at the children and families of the Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, The Hudson Valley Renegades' Pitch For Kids Foundation grants and contributions are appropriately funneled through the Community Foundation of Dutchess County; monies raised by Pitch For Kids have provided

grants to local non-profit organizations, including the Child Abuse Prevention Center, The Phoenix House Poughkeepsie, D.A.R.E., St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Dutchess & Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Through the efforts of the entire Hudson Valley Renegades Pitch For Kids team, and the generous ongoing support of the businesses and residents of the Hudson Valley, Pitch For Kids will continue to grow and develop new ways to provide funds and help the children and families of the Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Hudson Valley Renegades of Wappingers Falls, New York, and to its charitable foundation, The Renegades Pitch For Kids; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when business organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Hudson Valley Renegades of Wappingers Falls, New York, in recognition of the organization's commitment to giving back to the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Hudson Valley Renegades.