

## 2013-J2679

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Sydney O'Hara upon the occasion of being named the Gatorade New York State Softball Player of the Year

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize our young individuals, who strive for athletic and academic excellence through rigorous training and mental and physical discipline; and

WHEREAS, Athletic training and competition enhances the moral and physical development of young people in the State of New York, and prepares them for a productive future by instilling in them the value of hard work, healthy living and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Sydney O'Hara upon the occasion of being named the Gatorade New York State Softball Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Michelle O'Hara, Sydney O'Hara, a Cicero-North Syracuse senior, was selected as the 2013 Gatorade New York Softball Player of the Year; the all-state pitcher has led the Northstars (23-1) to a No. 1 ranking in the state Class AA poll; she is 17-0 on the mound with an ERA of 0.18 and has played Varsity for Cicero-North Syracuse since she was in the eighth grade; and

WHEREAS, Sydney O'Hara has 258 strikeouts in 114.2 innings of work; at the plate, she is hitting .515 with seven home runs and 36 RBI in 66 at-bats; and

WHEREAS, Sydney O'Hara, who has signed to play softball at Syracuse University, is the reigning All-Central New York player of the year and a first-team, all-state selection; Gatorade documented that she has maintained a B-plus average in the classroom; she also has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and youth softball camps; and

WHEREAS, Sydney O'Hara has been given this award for her impact and

versatility on the softball field, and for her outstanding leadership, sportsmanship, athletic excellence, academic achievement, and exemplary character; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Sydney O'Hara upon the occasion of being named the Gatorade New York State Softball Player of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sydney O'Hara.