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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Long Island Astros Baseball Team and Coach Jeff Rusoff upon the occasion of winning the National Amateur Baseball Federation Regional 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 Long Island Astros Baseball Team are the National Amateur Baseball Federation Regional Champions; the Astros capped a hugely successful summer by competing in the NABF College World Series in Toledo, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, The season began slow for the Astros, who lost two of their first three games; what followed was a season-changing 13-game winning streak en route to a 17-5 record and second-place finish in the FABL; and

WHEREAS, In his first two years coaching the college team, Jeff Rusoff, who is in his 11th year with the Astros organization, led his team to back-to-back berths in the AAABA World Series in Johnstown, Pennsylvania; they were the first team to make consecutive appearances from New York in 25 years; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Jeff Rusoff, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his 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 Long Island Astros Baseball 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, the team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their community; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jeff Rusoff 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 Coach Jeff Rusoff and these outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Long Island Astros Baseball Team and Coach Jeff Rusoff on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Long Island Astros Baseball Team and to Coach Jeff Rusoff.