

## 2013-J3299

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Sebastian Lippman upon the occasion of his designation as a Finalist in the NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition

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, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the State of New York who, by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought pride to their family, school and community; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Sebastian Lippman upon the occasion of his designation as a Finalist in the NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition; and

WHEREAS, Eight year-old Sebastian Lippman of Plainview, New York represented the Jets in the finals of the NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition; the event was held on Saturday, January 11, 2014, at Valor Christian High School in Highlands Ranch, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, a reception was held to commend the finalists, as well as the opportunity to participate in a passing exhibition held on the field before the start of the divisional play-off game between the Denver Broncos and the San Diego Chargers, on Sunday, January 12, 2014, at Sports Authority Field at Mile High in Denver, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, The second grader at Pasadena Elementary School was one of only 40 children from across the country to compete in the final competition; and

WHEREAS, His road to the National Championship began in September when

Sebastian Lippman competed in a local contest in Lido Beach; each child was given two chances to kick, punt and pass a football as far as they could, with points awarded for accuracy and distance; and

WHEREAS, Sebastian Lippman qualified for the sectionals in Oyster Bay in October, and at that competition earned a spot in the New York Jets team championship by finishing first among the 32 team champions in his division from across the country; and

WHEREAS, Since the Punt, Pass & Kick program began in 1961, Sebastian Lippman is the first child from New York to earn a place in the National Championship; and

WHEREAS, This occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to wish Sebastian Lippman continued success throughout his school years and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Sebastian Lippman represents the potential inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; this Legislative Body is pleased to honor him, recognizing his achievements and the promise of his future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Sebastian Lippman upon the occasion of his designation as a Finalist in the NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sebastian Lippman.