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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Panthers of Babylon High School upon the occasion of capturing the Long Island Class IV 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 Panthers finished their second straight undefeated season with a 27-26 victory over Roosevelt High School; this special victory extended Babylon's winning streak to 24, the longest on Long Island, and helped it become the first team to produce back-to-back 12-0 seasons; and

WHEREAS, The Babylon Panthers are the first team to win the Rutgers Trophy in back-to-back seasons since 2005-2007; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Rick Punzone, a skilled and inspirational mentor, 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 Babylon High School Varsity Football team from the opening game of the season to participation in league play, to capturing the Long Island Class IV Championship, were a broth-

erhood 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 community; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Rick Punzone and his coaching staff have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the 2013 Babylon High School Varsity Football team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment; Head Coach Rick Punzone, his coaching staff, and the 2013 Babylon High School Varsity Football team's outstanding athletes 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 2013 Babylon High School Varsity Football team, its members: Scott Sasso, Zach Amelia, Chris Costanzo, Kenny Rohl, Jason Carlock, Brian Boehm, Max Kresek, Sean Quigley, K'Sean Reid, CJ Martino, Henry Brunjes, George Pirgousis, John Larsen, Stephen Schweitzer, Steve Cavaliere, Joe Cappello, Dylan Dreher, Eddie Vega, Shawn Tripp, Ryan Ray, John Visgauss, Jack Kresek, John Botto, Liam Young, Nick Rachwal-ski, Matt Lauri, Joe Cosby, Matt Visgauss, Ryan Matthews, Joe Marrone, Juawun Porter, Sam Dickran, James Messina, Joe Savastano, Luke Zappia, Peter Donaldson, Jon Bell, Rich Wilson, Tyler Virga, Nick Crawford, Shea Amdur, Tazon Rogers, Tyler Christansen, Jon O'Brien, AJ Giuliano, Patrick Delaney, Ray Wardell, Matt Pinto, Eric Schweitzer, Nick Santorelli, and Jake Carlock, and Head Coach Rick Punzone on their outstanding season, overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members and coaching staff of the 2013 Babylon High School Varsity Football team.