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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating shot put champion and All-American Tara Belinsky for her outstanding athletic achievements in track and field

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 school and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate shot put champion and All-American Tara Belinsky for her outstanding athletic achievements in track and field; and

WHEREAS, Manhasset High School senior and current State outdoor shot put champion and All-American Tara Belinsky has been a dominant force in New York; and

WHEREAS, Tara Belinsky recently competed in the 2014 Indoor New York State Track and Field Championship where she placed, bringing her career total to four State medals, and earned All-State honors for the fourth time; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her illustrious high school track and field career, Tara Belinsky has earned New Balance All-American honors, was named All Long Island for Indoor Track and Field by NEWSDAY, is a two-time Long Island Champion, and a six-time All-County Award winner; and

WHEREAS, During her last two indoor and outdoor track and field

seasons, Tara Belinsky won every conference and county meet, medaled at the PENN Relays, and won the Hispanic Games, Eastern States, and the Yale Invitational meets; and

WHEREAS, One of Manhasset High School's most decorated track and field athletes, Tara Belinsky currently holds the school record for shot put and discus; as captain, she has led by example and has been a mentor to younger members of her team, and her achievements remain to inspire others; in addition, this star athlete was a member of the varsity volleyball team; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by Tara Belinsky is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Steve Sproul, and field events Coach Russ Anbinder, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, In addition to athletics, Tara Belinsky is co-president of the Rachel's Challenge Club, a member of the Italian Honor Society, a high Honor Roll student and a Manhasset Scholar Athlete; she is also active in Key Club, and during 2013, she completed more than 150 hours of community service; and

WHEREAS, Tara Belinsky's overall record is outstanding; in all her endeavors, she was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the Manhasset community at large; and

WHEREAS, Coaches Steve Sproul and Russ Anbinder have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring Tara Belinsky toward her goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Tara Belinsky has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of her school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate shot put champion and All-American Tara Belinsky for her outstanding athletic achievements in track and field; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Tara Belinsky, and Coaches Steve Sproul and Russ Anbinder.