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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the St. Lawrence Thunder Bantams Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing their third straight New York State Amateur Hockey Association Tier II 14U 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 members of the St. Lawrence Thunder Bantams Hockey Team captured their third straight New York State Amateur Hockey Association Tier II 14U Championship during the weekend of March 7-9, 2014, in Amherst, New York; and

WHEREAS, The St. Lawrence Thunder Bantams Hockey Team competed against teams from Syracuse, Cheektowaga, and the GNY Stars from Brooklyn to win the New York State Championship; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by the St. Lawrence Thunder Bantams Hockey Team is due in great part to the efforts and mentoring of the team's dedicated coaches; and

WHEREAS, The St. Lawrence Thunder Bantams Hockey Team was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the team throughout the season were their close camaraderie, athletic ability, good sportsmanship, and honor, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and

accomplishment; these outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of St. Lawrence Thunder Hockey teams; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the St. Lawrence Thunder Bantams Hockey Team, its members: Merrick Taraska, Joshua Sanchez, Cole Allen, Kyran Sunday, Grant VanBuren, Billy Bergan, Jared Barr, Kyler Head, Cole Moore, Isaac Thrasher, Corson Green, Nathan Bressard, Josh Underwood, Mark Mahoney, Broadie Woods, and Jacob Mattice, Coach Bobby Smith and Assistant Coaches, Jeff Allen and Ed Underwood, on their third straight New York State Amateur Hockey Association Tier II 14U Championship and on their outstanding season; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the St. Lawrence Thunder Bantams Hockey Team, Coach Bobby Smith, and Assistant Coaches Jeff Allen and Ed Underwood.