

## 2013-J5896

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 65th Anniversary of Little League Baseball in Rhinebeck, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those enduring organizations which faithfully devote their resources and purposeful energies to fostering opportunities and contributing to the quality of life for the youth of the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, An established American institution, Little League provides a structure for the athletic competition which enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by establishing the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, instilling an ambition for success, and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, The Little League Baseball program in Rhinebeck, New York, is celebrating its 65th Anniversary and this Legislative Body recognizes the founders for their dedication to young citizens of the town; and

WHEREAS, In 1948, the Town of Rhinebeck wanted to start a Little League Baseball program; and

WHEREAS, David Wager, Richard Kent, and Robert MacIntyre were instrumental in organizing a Little League Baseball team in Rhinebeck; the team became known as the Rhinebeck Eagles and played their first Little League baseball game in 1949; and

WHEREAS, From its modest beginnings in 1949, the Rhinebeck Little League Baseball program has expanded to include T-Ball teams, B-League teams, A-League teams and Senior League teams; and

WHEREAS, The Rhinebeck Little League Baseball program has remained true to its commitment to provide young people with the skills of baseball while teaching leadership, responsibility, sportsmanship, team spirit and the joys of comradery and competition; and

WHEREAS, At a time when the very fabric of a community, its children, are being overwhelmed by so many societal ills, the parents, coaches and volunteers of the Rhinebeck Little League bring reassurance and encouragement to these youths, teaching them how to make sound decisions and encouraging them in their pursuit of a brighter future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of Little League Baseball in Rhinebeck, New York, recognizing the diligence of its efforts and the significance of its success in serving the youth of Rhinebeck and the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Rhinebeck Little League Baseball program.