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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Rye High School Baseball Team and Head Coach Michael Bruno upon the occasion of reaching the New York State Class A Finals

WHEREAS, The game of baseball occupies a special place in the hearts and imagination of the American people; and

WHEREAS, The game's unique charm was captured by sportswriter Red Smith when he penned, "Ninety feet between bases is perhaps as close as man has ever come to perfection"; and

WHEREAS, Baseball requires intelligence, teamwork, patience, focus and skill, all traits valuable in life; and

WHEREAS, Rye's 2014 accomplishments were capped by their gallant appearance in the State Championship game, ending a season which made their families, school and community proud of their outstanding play throughout the entire season and for reaching the final state championship game; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Michael Bruno, Assistant Coach Chad Charney, and Athletic Trainer Melissa Puterio Stover, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record, 23-5, 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 Rye High School Baseball Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the championship, were a brotherhood 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

WHEREAS, Consistent with Babe Ruth's pronouncement that, "Baseball is the greatest game in the world and deserves the best you can give it", there is no doubt that the Rye High School Baseball Team gave all they had during their outstanding 2014 season; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Rye High School Baseball Team, its members: Ryan Anderson, Mat Bruno, Brendan Cassano, Ryan Ciardiello, Trevor Crawford, Tim DeGraw, Brian Gardner, Tim Hale, George Kirby, Jay Little, Sam Lubeck, Connor McGovern, Luke Meyerson, Chase Pratt, Keith Secon, Brendan Tripodi, Shota Tsuda, Griffin Tutun, and Joe Zulli, as well as Coaches Michael Bruno and Chad Charney, and Athletic Trainer Melissa Puterio Stover upon the occasion of reaching the New York State Class A Finals; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Rye High School Baseball Team, Coaches Michael Bruno and Chad Charney and Athletic Trainer Melissa Puterio Stover.