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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the 2014 Lawrence High School Varsity Football Team and Coach Joe Martillotti upon the occasion of capturing the Long Island Class III 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 Lawrence High School Varsity Football Team Golden Tornados won their third consecutive Long Island Class III Championship with an exciting 40-35 triumph over Sayville High School on Friday, November 28, 2014, at Hofstra University's Shuart Stadium, Hempstead, New York; and

WHEREAS, With this victory, the Lawrence Golden Tornados have become the first sports team in Nassau history to have won three straight Long Island Championships; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Joe Martillotti and his team of outstanding assistant coaches, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their 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 2014 Lawrence High School Varsity Football Team, from the opening game of the season, to participation in the Long Island Class III 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 community; and WHEREAS, Coach Joe Martillotti and his dedicated staff have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Joe Martillotti and these 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 2014 Lawrence High School Varsity Football Team and Coach Joe Martillotti upon the occasion of capturing the Long Island Class III Championship; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the 2014 Lawrence High School Varsity Football Team and to Coach Joe Martillotti.