



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Tony Avella

## Avella Presents Whitestone Native Mike Baxter Of The New York Mets With Senate Resolution

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Just before the July 3<sup>rd</sup> New York Mets game, Senator Tony Avella presented Whitestone, Queens native Mike Baxter with a special New York State Senate Resolution. Mike Baxter was born and raised in Whitestone and attended St. Luke's Parish school and began his illustrious baseball career in the Bayside Little League. Mike also graduated from Archbishop Molloy High School in 2002, leading the baseball team to the CHSAA City Championship his senior year. The resolution was passed unanimously by the New York

State Senate and will forever document on Senate record the State's honoring of Mike Baxter for his outstanding athletic career, which began in Queens and continues there to this day as a member of the New York Mets.

This season, on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, against the defending World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals, Mike Baxter became an enduring part of Mets' history by making a tremendous catch in left-field of a Yadier Molina line drive to preserve Johan Santana's historic, Mets' first-ever no-hitter. In making his historic catch, he crashed into the wall and had to leave the game with a serious shoulder injury.