

## 2015-J3272

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the South Park High School Varsity Football Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2015 New York State Class A 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 South Park High School Varsity Football Team captured the 2015 New York State Class A Championship with an exciting 49-46 triumph over Our Lady of Lourdes High School on Friday, November 27, 2015, at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, With this victory, the South Park Sparks have become the first football program in Buffalo Public Schools history to win a New York State Public High Schools Athletic Association title; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Tim Delaney, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The Sparks' 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 South Park High School Varsity Football Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the state 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 Tim Delaney has 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 these outstanding athletes, coaches, and staff 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 2015 South Park High School Varsity Football Team; its members: Dave Thomas, Daryl Moore, Austin Neal, Leeland Coleman, De'Andre Brown, Mike McDonald, Tyree Brown, Nick Schaefer, Tony Robinson, Torrell Jackson, Ellijah Winston, Brandon Johnson, Dylan Lang, Fred Foster, Latrell London, Dajon Johnson, Joshua Patchett, Dan Cordero, Carl Laudan, George Battle, AJ Erdolino, Thomas Siezer, Randall Bish, Mykel Whigham, Jeremiah Sanders, Andre Walker, Russ Fuller, Ethan Diaz, Marcus Green, Terrell Gist-Greer, Matt Dillon, Mike Volpe, Jason Cudney, Will Hayes, Marquel Rogers, Dontea Ridgeway, Brandon Winston, Brian Johnson; and Coach Tim Delaney, on their championship season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the 2015 South Park High School Varsity Football Team, and Coach Tim Delaney.