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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Salamanca Warriors Varsity Football Team upon the occasion of completing its 100th Season

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones of those organizations in this great Empire State that strive for success in their endeavors and make a positive impact on their communities; and

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can only be achieved through strenuous practice, team play, and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; for generations, high school football has helped instill in student-athletes the values of life -- perseverance, teamwork, sacrifice, dedication and respect for authority; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Salamanca Warriors Varsity Football Team upon the occasion of completing its 100th Season; and

WHEREAS, Few programs have demonstrated a commitment to excellence like the program developed at the Salamanca City Central School District; the Warriors Varsity Football Team has garnered more than 460 wins and, since 1982, has won nine Section VI Championships; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by the program is due in great part to the dedication and efforts of its line of storied head coaches; among the noted leaders of the program is legendary Head Coach Joe Sanfilippo, who led the Warriors program from 1957 to 1973; and

WHEREAS, Coach Sanfilippo posted a record of 95-33-4 while coaching at Salamanca; he guided the team to four undefeated seasons in 1964, 1965, 1967 and 1971, and 11 championships in the then-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Interscholastic Athletic Conference and Division VI of the Section VI

Football Federation; and

WHEREAS, Coach George Whitcher, who succeeded Coach Sanfilippo as the Head Coach from 1974 to 1998, went on to become the winningest coach in the program history, with 167 career wins and also guided the program to six Section VI Championships; currently, the Salamanca Warriors Varsity Football Team is under the skilled leadership of Head Coach Paul Haley; and

WHEREAS, The Salamanca Warriors Varsity Football program has been comprised of many distinguished alumni, and the team has received numerous Big 30 awards; among the ranks of the program's celebrated alumni are Gary Sage (Class of 1960), the namesake of the Big 30's annual Player of the Year award, and Louis C. Foy, former Salamanca Athletic Director and track and field coach, for whom the Big 30's annual Defensive Player of the Year award is named; and

WHEREAS, Warrior team members have been recipients of numerous Big 30 awards; recipients of the Gary Sage Memorial Award include: Bob Nugent (1965), Chuck Crist (1967), Jeff Davis (1970), Dan Dry (1977), T.J. Brol (1990), and Dustin Ross (2001); recipients of the Lou Foy Memorial Award for Defensive Player of the Year include: Arron Whitmore (1989), Jason Siafakas (1999), and Justin Hager (2004); recipients of the Alfred Joe Bunnell Memorial Award for Coach of the Year include: Joe Sanfilippo (1964 and 1971), George Whitcher (1982 and 1993), Rich Morton (2001), and Jason Marsh (2011); recipients of the E.B. Fitzpatrick Memorial Award for Unsung Lineman of the Year include: Jay Haley (1982), Don John (1984), Ray Haley (1986), Chris Gillfillan (1987), and Jeremy John (1992); and the 1998 Warrior team was awarded the Leon Abbott Memorial Award for School Sportsmanship; 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, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recog-

nize those organizations and high school scholar-athletes that have achieved notable success in this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Salamanca Warriors Varsity Football Team upon the occasion of completing its 100th Season; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Head Coach Paul Haley, Salamanca Warriors Varsity Football Team.