

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Baldwin Boys Basketball Team and Coach Darius Burton upon the occasion of capturing the Nassau Class AA 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 Baldwin Boys Basketball Team are the Nassau Class AA Champions; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, March 2, 2013, the Baldwin Bruins defeated Uniondale 64-44, winning its third county title in six years; in addition, the Bruins defeated MacArthur by a score of 56-38 on Monday, February 11, 2013, in order to claim Baldwin's third straight Nassau Conference AA-II Championship; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Darius Burton and assistant coaches, John Henry and Anthony Biscardi, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 17-4 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 Baldwin Boys Basketball 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, Coach Darius Burton 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 Darius Burton 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 Baldwin Boys Basketball Team; its members: Mike Abrahams, Dmarco Barnes, Oluwa Bembury, Jared Bradford, Michael Butler, Michael Doyle, Travais Hylton, Matt Lyle, Eric Mack, Elijah McMillan, Dan Nwalor, Sidney Pigott, MiKing Richardson, Brian Robins, Jovaun Tomlinson, Elijah Tucker, Jordan Williams, and Paul Nosworthy, and Head Coach Darius Burton, Assistant Coaches Jon Henry and Anthony Biscardi on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Baldwin Boys Basketball Team and to the aforementioned coaches.