

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Batavia Notre Dame Girls Basketball Team and Coach Dave Pero upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class D 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 Batavia Notre Dame Girls Basketball Team are the New York State Class D Champions; on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2013, the Fighting Irish defeated Oriskany by a score of 52- 40 to win the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class D Championship at Hudson Valley Community College's McDonough Athletic Complex in Troy, New York; and

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

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 23-2 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 Batavia Notre Dame Girls Basketball Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the championship, were a sisterhood 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 Dave Pero 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 Coach Dave Pero 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 Batavia Notre Dame Girls Basketball Team, and Coach Dave Pero on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Batavia Notre Dame Girls Basketball Team and to Coach Dave Pero.