

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Bellmore JFK High School Boys Volleyball Team and Coach Dennis Ringel upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Division II 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 Bellmore JFK High School Boys Volleyball Team are the New York State Division II Champions; the Cougars defeated Lake Shore by a 3-0 score winning the school's first state championship in any sport; and

WHEREAS, The Bellmore JFK High School Boys Volleyball Team are also champions of Long Island Division II, the Conference III Division, the Plainview Invitational Tournament, the Port Washington Tournament, and the Nassau County Class B Division; and

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

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 23-0 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 Bellmore JFK High School Boys Volleyball 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 Dennis Ringel 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 Dennis Ringel 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 Bellmore JFK High School Boys Volleyball Team; its members: Adam Lowell, Evan Gerlack, Matt Murphy, Ron Gutman, Steven Gassert, Jake Sherman, Justin Fiegeles, Matt Migdal, Justin Ganca, Dan Jeong, Gary Anderson, Zach Goldhirsch, Francis Galiano, Justin Langro, Andrew Sheehan, and Rick Calia, and Coach Dennis Ringel on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Bellmore JFK High School Boys Volleyball Team and to Coach Dennis Ringel.