

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School Athletic Teams and coaches for their outstanding 2012 Fall Season

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 as well as the encouragement and love of family and friends; 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 values 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 Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School has performed to the highest abilities and has accomplished a superior season in many sports, winning two State Championships and six Section II Championships; and

WHEREAS, The Varsity Football Team, led by Coach Matthew Shell, earned the title of New York State Class A Division I Champions, Section II Class A Champions, New York State Class A Champions and Ranked 1st in the State while earning 12 victories in their Fall 2012 season and maintaining a Scholar Athlete academic average of 93.6; and

WHEREAS, The Girls Volleyball Team, led by Coach Gary Bynon, earned the title of North Division Champions, Class A Section II Champions, Regional Champions and the New York State Class A Champions while earning 28 victories in their Fall 2012 season while maintaining a Scholar Athlete academic average of 96.0, the highest average for Girls Volleyball in the State; and

WHEREAS, The Girls Cross Country Team, led by Coach Shaun Zepf, earned the titles of Class A Section II Finalists, placed 3rd in the New York State Federation and ranked 3rd in New York State while earning eight victories throughout the season and maintained a Scholar Athlete academic average of 97.7; and

WHEREAS, The Girls Soccer Team, led by Coach Brian Bold, earned the titles of Class A Section II Champions and were Regional Finalists while earning 15 victories throughout their season while maintaining a Scholar Athlete academic average of 93.4; and

WHEREAS, The Boys Cross Country Team, led by Coach Chip Button, earned the rank of Class A Section II Finalists and ranked 20th in the New York State Federation, while maintaining a Scholar Athlete academic average of 94.7; and

WHEREAS, The Field Hockey Team, led by Coach Kelly Vrooman, earned the title of Class B Sectional Champions and were regional finalists while earning a Scholar Athlete academic average of 96.4; and

WHEREAS, The Girls Swimming Team, led by Coach Matt Turner, earned the title of Section II Division II Champions and sent six girls to States, winning five matches this year, while earning a Scholar Athlete academic average of 93.8; and

WHEREAS, The Girls Tennis Team, led by Coach Karen Layton, earned the title of Class A Section II Champions and were Regional Finalists, winning 12 matches and earning a Scholar Athlete academic average of 96.4; and

WHEREAS, The Boys Volleyball team, led by Coach Paul Sanders, went on to win 21 matches while earning a Scholar Athlete academic average of 92.7; and

WHEREAS, The High School Golf Team won seven competitions and one player qualified for States, while the team earned a Scholar Athlete average of 93.1; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and

accomplishment, and the coaches and all of the exceptional 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 Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School Athletic Teams and coaches on their outstanding 2012 Fall Season and overall team records; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Director of Physical Education and Athletics, Robert McGuire, and to the outstanding Coaching Staff of the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School Athletic Teams of the Fall 2012 season.