

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Hudson Valley Mariners upon the occasion of capturing the 2012 NABA Florida World Series

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those exemplary sports teams within the State of New York who have inspired and brought pride to their community by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Hudson Valley Mariners upon the occasion of capturing the 2012 NABA Florida World Series on November 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Competing against six of the top teams on the East Coast, including teams from Florida, Virginia and Canada, the Hudson Valley Mariners combined pitching, timely hitting, solid defense and a great strategy to win their second championship in the last four years; and

WHEREAS, Catcher Steve Aurigemma from Marlboro, New York, was the Mariners' most outstanding player of the tournament, going an incredible 22 for 26 at the plate; and

WHEREAS, In the semi-final game against South Florida, Isaac Hess struck out 19 batters in an impressive complete game effort; in the Championship game, Jessie Smith struck out 10 Cardinals, a team with one of the best offenses in the country; and

WHEREAS, Overall, the Mariners' offense scored 47 runs, second only to the runner-up Cardinals; the Mariners' pitching and defense allowed the fewest runs of the tournament, just 22, which included back-to-back shutouts on the third day; and

WHEREAS, The Mariners compete in the Hudson Valley NABA, where they have won three championships in the league's five-year existence, posting an overall record of 146-19-2 since 2008; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Player/Manager Dave Prince, a skilled and inspirational tutor who has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the Mariners toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Loyal and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large, the Hudson Valley Mariners have proven themselves to be a brotherhood of athletic ability and an unbeatable combination of talents; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Hudson Valley Mariners who were issued 2012 Florida World Series rings are: David Prince, Dan Slate, Jake Slate, Lee Roush, Matt Roush, Jason Monti, Jessie Smith, Issac Hess, Jeromie Spillman, Miguel Rodriguez, Adam Prince, Sven Jenkins, Steve Aurigemma, John Morrissey, Ryan Butcher, Jake Gable, Joe Berte, Dan Miller, Jose Martinez, Eric Katner, Jerry Lehman, Jared Bahnsen, Anthony Litka, Andres Vengoechea and Mikey Prince (Bat Boy); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Hudson Valley Mariners upon the occasion of capturing the 2012 NABA Florida World Series; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Hudson Valley Mariners.