

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Watervliet Varsity Boys Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2013 New York State Class B 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 Watervliet Varsity Boys Basketball Team captured the Class B New York State Public High School Athletic Association Boys Basketball Championship with a 72-60 overtime win over Babylon on Saturday, March 16, 2013, at the Glens Falls Civic Center; and

WHEREAS, Finishing their season at 22-4, the Watervliet Canoneers won their first New York State Class B Championship in 22 years; in addition, the Canoneers won their third straight sectional title on Saturday, March 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by the 2012-2013 Watervliet Varsity Boys Basketball Team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Orlando DiBacco, his Assistant Coaches Nick Dooley and Jay Bouchey, skilled and inspirational mentors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record 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 2012-2013 Watervliet Varsity Boys Basketball Team, from the opening game of the season to capturing the Class B New York State Public High School Athletic Association Boys Basketball 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, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment; Head Coach Orlando DiBacco and the 2012-2013 Watervliet Varsity Boys Basketball Team's 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 2012-2013 Watervliet Varsity Boys Basketball Team; its members: Jordan Gleason, Ty'Jon Gilmore, Taylor Dockstader, Tyler McLeod, Quinn Capitula, Jonathan Parker, Issiah Brace, Henassy McConico, Shane Ray, Scott Dennis, Jacob Lindsay, and Shylatron Copeland, and Head Coach Orlando DiBacco and Assistant Coaches Nick Dooley and Jay Bouchey on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the 2012-2013 Watervliet Varsity Boys Basketball Team and to the aforementioned coaches.