LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the 2012-13 Southampton High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team upon the occasion of their outstanding 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; 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 2012-13 Southampton High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team had an outstanding season and a stellar overall record; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Southampton High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team were back-to-back undefeated league champions, capturing the 2012 and 2013 Long Island Small Schools and Suffolk County Class B championships; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Richard Wingfield and Assistant Coaches, Diane Guida and Paris Hodges, 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 2012-13 Southampton High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team, from the opening game of the season to capturing the Long Island Small Schools and Suffolk County Class B championships, 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, Head Coach Richard Wingfield and Assistant Coaches, Diane Guida and Paris Hodges, have 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 Head Coach Richard Wingfield and Assistant Coaches, Diane Guida and Paris Hodges, and the 2012-13 Southampton High School Girls Varsity 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 2012-13 Southampton High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team, its members: Kesi Goree, Paris Hodges, Cassidy Guida, Carley Guida, Noel Hodges, Dominique Taylor, Sydney Katz, Rashelle Baker, Kyra Richards, Keynu Banks, Natece Willis; and Head Coach Richard Wingfield and Assistant Coaches, Diane Guida and Paris Hodges on their outstanding season, overall team record and capturing the Long Island Small Schools and Suffolk County Class B championships; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the 2012-13 Southampton High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team, and to Head Coach Richard Wingfield and Assistant Coaches, Diane Guida and Paris Hodges.