

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the 2013 Fort Ann High School Girls Softball Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class D 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, On Saturday, June 8, 2013, at the Adirondack Sports Complex in Queensbury, New York, the 2013 Fort Ann High School Girls Softball Team captured the New York State Class D Championship by defeating top-ranked Afton by a score of 5-2; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Cards' 2013 New York State Championship was the outstanding program's third Class D state title; and

WHEREAS, The victory in the New York State Championship game capped the 2013 Fort Ann High School Girls Softball Team's undefeated 25-0 season; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Tim Gleason and Assistant Coach Mark Cusson, 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 2013 Fort Ann High School Girls Softball Team, from the opening game of the season to capturing the New York State Class D Championship, 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 community; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Tim Gleason and Assistant Coach Mark Cusson have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the 2013 Fort Ann High School Girls Softball Team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment; Head Coach Tim Gleason and Assistant Coach Mark Cusson, and the 2013 Fort Ann High School Girls Softball 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 2013 Fort Ann High School Girls Softball Team; its members: Kara White, Kassie Gravelle, Casey Batchelder, Jordan Aubin, Kimmi Ostrander, Bri Amodio, Emilee Clute, Katie Luedders, Demi Stockman, Molly Bailey, Kayla Bancroft, Mikayla Graves, Megan Goodspeed, Kaleigh Foran and Taylor Foran; and Head Coach Tim Gleason and Assistant Coach Mark Cusson; on their New York State Class D Championship and their outstanding undefeated season; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members and coaching staff of the 2013 Fort Ann High School Girls Softball Team.