

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the 2013 Bayport-Blue Point High School Boys Track Team and Coach Michael Zafonte for 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 2013 Bayport-Blue Point High School Boys Track Team enjoyed an outstanding overall season and compiled a superb winning record; the team was victorious at this year's New York State Outdoor Track and Field Championship at Middletown High School; and

WHEREAS, Seniors John Antonacci, Jack Flood, Jared Gray, Bailey Imbo and Harry Martin were named state champions as well as All-State athletes; in addition, senior teammates, Chris Stelling and Adam LaFemina were also honored with the title of All-State athlete, based on their performances in the 4x800 meter relay; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Michael Zafonte, a skilled and inspirational mentor, respected for his 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 Bayport-Blue Point High School Boys Track Team, from the opening meet of the season to their performance at the State Outdoor Track and Field 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, Coach Michael Zafonte has 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 Coach Michael Zafonte and the 2013 Bayport-Blue Point High School Boys Track 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 Bayport-Blue Point High School Boys Track Team, its members: John Antonacci, Jack Flood, Jared Gray, Bailey Imbo, Harry Martin, Chris Stelling and Adam LaFemina; and Coach Michael Zafonte on their outstanding season, overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the 2013 Bayport-Blue Point High School Boys Track Team, and to Coach Michael Zafonte.