LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Southampton Mariners Boys Basketball Team and Coach Herm Lamison upon the occasion of capturing the Long Island 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 Southampton Mariners Boys Basketball Team are the Long Island Class B Champions; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Herm Lamison, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record, 18-6, 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 Southampton Mariners Boys Basketball Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the 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 Herm Lamison 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 Herm Lamison and all of the 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 Southampton Mariners Boys Basketball Team; its members: Taylor Sanders, Nitauke Williams, Shaundell Fishburne, Isaiah Johnson, Lyle Smith, Andre Franklin, J.J. Sales, Chad Pike, Timmy Alejo, Israel Johnson, Thomas Beckman, Gene Scott, and Nasies Fulford, and Coach Herm Lamison, and Assistant Coaches Terry McNamara, Rickey Taylor and Louis O'Neal on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Southampton Mariners Boys Basketball Team, Coach Herm Lamison, and Assistant Coaches Terry McNamara, Rickey Taylor and Louis O'Neal.