

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Manhasset High School Boys Varsity Hockey Team and Coaches Kevin Smith and Mike O'Gara upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Hockey 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 Manhasset High School Boys Varsity Hockey Team captured the New York State Hockey Championship with a hard fought 6-3 victory over Lynbrook High School on Sunday, March 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the Manhasset Indians Hockey Team qualified for States for the first time in the team history; after persevering through many difficult and exciting tournament games, they have emerged victorious; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coaches Kevin Smith and Mike O'Gara, skilled and inspirational tutors, 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 Manhasset High School Boys Varsity Hockey 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, Coaches Kevin Smith and Mike O'Gara have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members towards winning the New York State championship; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coaches Kevin Smith and Mike O'Gara and these 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 Manhasset High School Boys Varsity Hockey Team and Coaches Kevin Smith and Mike O'Gara on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Manhasset High School Boys Varsity Hockey Team and the aforementioned coaches.