

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mari DeTota upon the occasion of capturing First Place in the Elks Area 1 National Soccer Shoot-Out

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize our young individuals, who strive for athletic and academic excellence through rigorous training and mental and physical discipline; 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, by encouraging a healthy standard of living, by imparting a desire for success, and by developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mari DeTota upon the occasion of capturing First Place in the Elks Area 1 National Soccer Shoot-Out; and

WHEREAS, Prior to competing at the national level, Mari DeTota received First Place in the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks New York State Soccer Shoot-Out contest on October 20, 2012, in Poughkeepsie, New York; this state title earned her a ticket to the Elks Area 1 National Shoot-Out contest held on November 3, 2012, in Smithfield, Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, At the 2012 Elks Area 1 National Shoot-Out contest, Mari DeTota earned a First Place trophy in the Girls Under 12 division, after beating six other state champions from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Mari DeTota, an 11-year-old student from Liverpool, and a member of the Syracuse Fusion Soccer team, became the 2012 Girls U12 National Soccer Shoot-Out champion; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of the competition, Mari DeTota has grown in skill and resolve, demonstrating outstanding leadership, sportsmanship, athletic excellence, academic achievements and exemplary character; and

WHEREAS, When Mari DeTota is not on the field, she remains dedicated to her scholastic career maintaining above average grades, and enjoys spending time with her family and younger sister; and

WHEREAS, Humble in spirit, Mari DeTota takes her successes in stride and is quick to credit her team members, since no team can succeed without talent throughout the entire roster; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor and recognize Mari DeTota for her athletic excellence, and for capturing First Place in the Elks Area 1 National Soccer Shoot-Out; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mari DeTota.