

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Gunther Cassell of Huntington High School upon the occasion of capturing the 2013 New York State 100-yard breaststroke championship

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in honoring talented high school athletes who distinguish themselves and their community through outstanding athletic performance; 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to congratulate Gunther Cassell of Huntington High School upon the occasion of capturing the 2013 New York State 100-yard breaststroke championship; and

WHEREAS, On March 2, 2013, Gunther Cassell, a sophomore at Huntington High School, triumphed in the 100-yard breaststroke finals at the Webster Aquatic Center in Rochester, New York, to win the New York State championship; and

WHEREAS, Gunther Cassell's championship performance time of 56.24 seconds set a New York State record; this victory was his second consecutive New York State title in this event; and

WHEREAS, Seeded fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke event as he entered the state championships, Gunther Cassell won a pair of gold medals for winning both the New York State Public High School Athletic Association and State Federation titles; and

WHEREAS, Gunther Cassell is Huntington High School's only boys' New York State swimming champion; and

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice; Gunther Cassell's dedication to swimming is a year-round, everyday commitment; he is highly focused and has developed a matchless work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Gunther Cassell's exemplary performance is reflective of his dedication, determination and personal commitment; his achievements stand as a hallmark of what is best in the families, schools and communities across New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Gunther Cassell of Huntington High School upon the occasion of capturing the 2013 New York State 100-yard breaststroke championship, and to commend him for the enduring honor he has brought to his family, his school and his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gunther Cassell.