

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Christian Brothers Academy/Jamesville-Dewitt Varsity Ice Hockey Team upon the occasion of winning the 2013 New York State Championship

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive team sports can be achieved only through disciplined practice, teamwork and sportsmanship, 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 them in the value of hard work and by encouraging a standard of healthy living; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and congratulate those young people within the State of New York who, by achieving success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought pride to their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Christian Brothers Academy/Jamesville-DeWitt Varsity Ice Hockey Team upon the occasion of winning the 2013 New York State Championship; and

WHEREAS, The Christian Brothers Academy/Jamesville-DeWitt Varsity Ice Hockey Team captured the Division II New York State Public High School Athletic Association State Title, after rallying for three goals in the 3rd period to defeat John Jay-Cross River with a final score of 4-2 at the Utica Auditorium on March 10, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The impressive win marked the first state championship for the Christian Brothers Academy/Jamesville-DeWitt Varsity Ice Hockey Team; it was CBA's first appearance in the state title game since 1981; and

WHEREAS, The Christian Brothers Academy/Jamesville-DeWitt Varsity Ice Hockey Team, a combined team of public and private high school student athletes, had an overall impressive season record of 17-8-1, and won 16 of their last 19 games; the Hockey Team entered sectionals as a fifth-seeded team but secured several comeback victories to win sectionals and advance to the State tournament; and

WHEREAS, No athletic team can succeed without outstanding skill, talent and determination throughout its entire roster; such as is the case for the Christian Brothers Academy/Jamesville-DeWitt Varsity Ice Hockey Team whose players include: Tim Decker, Grayson Burns, Sam Mueller, Scott Firman, Kyle Barker, Jed Raby, Stewart Harley, Lucas Relkin, Ryan McGuire, Kane Alletzhauser, Jamie St. Amour, Greg McCann, Connor Flannagan, Ryan Durkin, Cole Fowler, Nick McCreary, Gavin Gray, Braeden Doust, John Phillips, George Collins, Ryan McKee, Drew Brooks and Peter Dziergas; and

WHEREAS, The hard work and talent displayed by the Christian Brothers Academy/Jamesville-DeWitt Varsity Ice Hockey Team is due in great part to the constant encouragement and dedicated efforts of Head Coach Mike McKie, Assistant Coaches John Parks and Shaun Norfolk, CBA Athletic Director Buddy Wleklinski, CBA Athletic Trainer Randy Kinn, and CBA Principal Brother Joseph Jozwiak, FSC; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition promotes the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and the coaches and players of the Christian Brothers Academy/Jamesville-DeWitt Varsity Ice Hockey Team have clearly contributed to the pride of the Central New York community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Christian Brothers Academy/Jamesville-DeWitt Varsity Ice Hockey Team upon occasion of capturing the 2013 New York State Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to the members of the Christian Brothers Academy/Jamesville-DeWitt Varsity Ice Hockey Team, Head Coach Mike McKie, Assistant Coaches, John Parks and Shaun Norfolk, CBA Athletic Director Buddy Wleklinski, CBA Athletic Trainer Randy Kinn, and CBA Principal Brother Joseph Jozwiak, FSC.