

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Addison High School Girls Varsity Softball Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class C Championship

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, teamwork and a dedicated coaching staff; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State 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 fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Addison High School Girls Varsity Softball Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class C Championship on Saturday, June 13, 2015, in South Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Addison High School Girls Varsity Softball Team won their first NYSPHSAA Class C title and the first state title in school history with an impressive 9-3 victory over Elmira Notre Dame High School; and

WHEREAS, Prior to winning the championship game, the Addison Knights first won the Western Regional Championship and then defeated Hoosic Valley High School in an exciting 6-5 finish in the state semi-finals; and

WHEREAS, With their home athletic facilities being upgraded, every game was an away game for the Addison Knights during their outstanding 17-2 regular season while, during their post-season run to the championship, the team traveled 1,278 miles and spent nearly 25 hours on the bus; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by the Addison Knights is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Oakley Hayes and his Assistant Coaches, Megan Putnam and Shawn Jones, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, In addition to their state championship, tournament officials also selected the Addison Knights as the recipient of this year's prestigious "Pauline Sherwood Sportsmanship Award"; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 23-2 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 Addison High School Girls Varsity Softball Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the championship, were a sisterhood 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 Oakley Hayes 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 Oakley Hayes 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 Addison High School Girls Varsity Softball Team; its members: Brittanie Bump, Kiarra Burrell, Laura Burrell, Kara Hoad, Elizabeth Housel, Korri Jones, Sara Knight, Krista Lovell, Becca Piker,

Paige Riff, Madison Risley, Rachael Sutryk, Ann Stull, Kristina

Wendling, Mikey Watkins, and Makenzie Wooldridge; Coach Oakley Hayes, and Assistant Coaches Megan Putnam and Shawn Jones, 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 Addison High School Girls Varsity Softball Team, Coach Oakley Hayes, and Assistant Coaches Megan Putnam and Shawn Jones.