

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Hudson Valley Mariners upon the occasion of capturing the 2015 NABA Florida World Series

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those exemplary sports teams within the State of New York who have inspired and brought pride to their community by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Hudson Valley Mariners upon the occasion of capturing the 2015 NABA Florida World Series on November 5-8, 2015, in Jupiter, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Competing against 10 of the top teams from across the United States and Canada, the Hudson Valley Mariners combined exceptional pitching, timely hitting, solid defense and a great strategy to win their fourth championship in the past seven years; and

WHEREAS, On their way to winning the 2015 NABA Florida World Series title, the New York Mariners went 4-1 in Pool Play, including wins over the Colorado Pirates and Rochester Cardinals; and

WHEREAS, Center Fielder Tim Battle, was the Mariners' most valuable player of the tournament, hitting an incredible .666 and going 18/27 with six doubles, one triple, and 11 runs scored, as well as 10 stolen bases and no errors; and

WHEREAS, Veteran pitcher Jessie Smith won both the opening game and game seven within four days as a starter to lead the Mariners to the title; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Player/Manager Dave Prince and Coach/Player Scott Marsh, skilled and inspirational tutors who have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the Mariners toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Loyal and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large, the New York Mariners have proven themselves to be a brotherhood of athletic ability and an unbeatable combination of talents; and

WHEREAS, The members of the New York Mariners who were issued 2015 Florida World Series rings are: Steve Aurigemma, Dan Miller, Jared Bahnsen, Jessie Smith, Jeremy Lopez, Josh Peterson, Josh Maddocks, Bevan Gouveiah, Jerry Lehman, Trevor Purcell, Dan Slate, Nick Dimarco, Greg Crouser, Casey Chenoweth, Larry Kowaleeski, Zach Westcott, Sean Barton, Tim Battle, Charles Sciutti, J.J. Pearsall, and James Shorter; Manager/Player David Prince; and Coach/Player Scott March; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the Hudson Valley Mariners upon the occasion of capturing the 2015 NABA Florida World Series; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Hudson Valley Mariners, Manager/Player David Prince, and Coach/Player Scott March.