

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Maine-Endwell Varsity Softball Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class A Championship

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, 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, The Maine-Endwell Varsity Softball Team are the New York State Class A Champions; and

WHEREAS, The Spartans were down to a final-strike elimination in Saturday's semifinal with Section 5 champion Pittsford Mendon before taking an extra-inning victory, setting up a title tilt Sunday morning in South Glens Falls with Section 8's Clarke of Westbury; and

WHEREAS, With its first state title in program history, the Spartans clenched a 6-5 victory over W. Tresper Clarke High School in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class A championship game on Sunday, June 12, 2016, at Moreau Recreational Park; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Matt Raleigh, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 14-7 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 Maine-Endwell 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 Matt Raleigh 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 Matt Raleigh and his 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 Maine-Endwell Varsity Softball Team; its members: Allison L'Amoreaux, Jordan McGinnis, Brianna Mancini, Abagale Cacialli, Mikayla Garbarino, Emily Hess, Alison Missavage, Alexis Raleigh, Brooke Singer, Madison Stulir, Meredith Rose, Alyssa Pochkar, Alexis Wanchisen, Daniella Dean, Gabby Sawyer and Meaghan Raleigh; and Coach Matt Raleigh on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Maine-Endwell Varsity Softball Team and to Coach Matt Raleigh.