

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Binghamton High School Varsity Softball Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class AA 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 Binghamton High School Varsity Softball Team are the New York State Class AA Champions; and

WHEREAS, With its first state title in program history, the Patriots clinched a 4-1 victory over defending champion Orchard Park in the Class AA title game on Saturday, June 11, 2016, at Moreau Park in South Glens Falls; and

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

WHEREAS, The team's overall record 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 Binghamton High School 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 Joe Mancinelli 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 Joe Mancinelli 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 Binghamton High School Varsity Softball Team; its members: Regan Ward, Mikayla Pourby, Paige Raugh, Riley Ward, Kendra Faughnan, Allison McGovern, Sabrina LaBoudy, Elena Shelepak, Emily Saunders, Emily Keenan, Emily Zeboris, Kayla Gassner and Kaily LaForce; and Coach Joe Mancinelli on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Binghamton High School Varsity Softball Team and to Coach Joe Mancinelli.