

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Rye High School Boys Club Rugby Team, Director of Rugby Jim O'Hara and Coaches Jim Rinaldi, Sean Moughty and Blake Mannion upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Boys Division II 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, The Rye High School Garnets Boys Club Rugby began the 2016 season playing in only its second year of competitive club rugby; and

WHEREAS, From the first team meeting held in February 2016, the Garnet Rugby Team set as their goal to rise to the highest pinnacle of success possible in New York State high school club rugby; and

WHEREAS, The Rye Garnets achieved this goal and captured the New York State Division II Boys Rugby title by defeating the Saratoga Mustangs by a score of 3-0 at SUNY Polytechnic Institute in Utica, New York, on June 5, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Garnet Rugby players' record of athletic success began with an undefeated record in league play and a championship win in the Metro New York Division II playoff against Rockaway on May 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Director of Rugby Jim O'Hara and Coaches Jim Rinaldi, Sean Moughty and Blake Mannion, skilled and inspirational leaders, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large, receiving a police and fire escort through the streets of the City of Rye upon returning from their state championship win in Utica; and

WHEREAS, Off the field, team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of athletic and academic talent-exemplifying the term: scholar-athlete-while also demonstrating outstanding dedication to their athletic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition instills the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, pride and accomplishment; Director of Rugby Jim O'Hara, Coaches Jim Rinaldi, Sean Moughty and Blake Mannion and all of the outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence that is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Rye Boys Club Rugby Team; its members: Johannes Alvarez-Rivero, Chase Bekkerus, Christian Biga, Samuel Bitran, Darrel Cameron, Ridgewell Clark, Simon Chait, Shane Concavage, Will Courtney, Michael Davitt, Paul Devlin, Max DiMassimo, Jason Ehrlich, Ibrahim El Shenawy, Dylan Fisher, Brendan Fox, Jack Goldstein, JP Hammer, Mikayel Harutyunyan, Mohamad Hassan, Zeyad Hassan, Roka Hosono, JT Howard, Will Junior, Cameron Kamer, Cameron Lawrence, Santi Mascolo, Walter Mason, Felix Manjon, John McSweeney, Grant Meyerson, Daniel Millard, Stewart Moore, Bert Oberlander, Reed O'Brien, Jacob Papparella, John O'Keefe, Max Pollard, Ardian Prenga, James Pugliatti, Tyler Reno, Nicholas Roach, Jason Rosendfield, Noah Sears, Danny Sheerin, Robert Talt, Will Steel, Saba Surguladze, Alvaro Varela, Dom Weakley, John Weakley, and Wyler Zahm; and Director of Rugby Jim O'Hara and Coaches Jim Rinaldi, Sean Moughty and Blake Mannion 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 Rye Boys Club Rugby Team, Director of

Rugby Jim O'Hara, and Coaches Jim Rinaldi, Sean Moughty and Blake Mann-

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