

BY: Senator BRESLIN

CONGRATULATING Tyler Witazek upon the occasion of capturing First Place in the Scott's Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run Competition on June 25, 2016

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Tyler Witazek upon the occasion of capturing First Place in the Scott's Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run Competition on Saturday, June 25, 2016, at Yankee Stadium, Bronx, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born on December 11, 2007, to loving parents Maria and Joe Witazek, Tyler Witazek is the older brother to Noah and grandson of Raphael and Marie Vitello, and Joe and Gerry Witazek; and

WHEREAS, A resident of the town of Bethlehem, New York, Tyler Witazek will be entering the third grade this fall at Westmere Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by his favorite players and role models, Mark Teixeira and Mariano Rivera, Tyler Witazek has strenuously practiced his baseball skills, and has diligently followed a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, After winning both the local and Regional Scott's Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run Competition and placing third in the country at Yankee Stadium, Tyler Witazek has earned the chance to compete at the National Competition at the MLB All-Star game celebration in San Diego, California, on July 11, 2016; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding young man was one of 625,000 competitors who participated in over 4,600 local competitions to reach the finals in San Diego; in addition, Tyler Witazek's victory at Yankee Stadium awards him a seat at the MLB All-Star Game and a position as a fielder in the MLB Home Run Derby Competition; and

WHEREAS, A right handed first baseman and pitcher with a slugging percentage of .889, 24 hits, 15 RBIs and an E.R.A. of zero, Tyler Witazek is a vital part of his team at Guilderland Little League and a Bulldog on the Guilderland Travel Baseball Team; and

WHEREAS, A multi-talented athlete, Tyler Witazek also likes to play basketball, and is the 3-time winner of The Schwest Run, an annual cross country event at Westmere Elementary; and

WHEREAS, When Tyler Witazek is not playing sports, he enjoys rooting for the Yankees, and is an active member of the Christ the King Youth Ministry Program, as well as a talented artist, displaying his work at the Guilderland Town Library; and

WHEREAS, Tyler Witazek's overall record is outstanding, and he was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his young life, Tyler Witazek has continuously displayed his natural athletic ability, good sportsmanship, and honor, demonstrating that he is second to none; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Tyler Witazek has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition at his school and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Tyler Witazek upon the occasion of capturing First Place in the Scott's Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run Competition on June 25, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tyler Witazek.