

BY: Senator PALUMBO

CONGRATULATING pitcher Tommy Ventimiglia upon the occasion of being drafted in the 18th round of the 2021 Major League Baseball Draft by the Cleveland Guardians

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those exemplary athletes who excel in professional athletics, distinguishing themselves through notable achievements and representing this great Empire State with pride and determination; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate pitcher Tommy Ventimiglia upon the occasion of being drafted in the 18th round of the 2021 Major League Baseball (MLB) Draft by the Cleveland Guardians; and

WHEREAS, A native of Coram, New York, and a star right-handed pitcher for Longwood High School, Tommy Ventimiglia is only the second player in his school's history to be drafted to the MLB; and

WHEREAS, During his superlative 2021 senior season, Tommy Ventimiglia went 4-2, posting a 1.22 ERA, recording 42 strikeouts, and limiting hitters to a .190 BAA across 28.2 innings with his strong lineup of pitches which includes a low 90s fastball, cutter, slider, curveball, and changeup; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his stellar high school career, Tommy Ventimiglia pitched for the San Diego Padres Scout Team at the WWBA World Championship held at the Boston Red Sox's spring-training facility in Fort Myers, Florida, allowing one hit in 3 1/3 scoreless innings and recorded eight strikeouts in his team's lone win in three games in group play; and

WHEREAS, Prior to officially signing with the Guardians, Tommy Ventimiglia had been committed to playing baseball at Stony Brook University where he attended Coach Matt Senk's youth camps for years; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Ventimiglia has dreamed of playing in the big leagues since he first picked up a glove at the age of five; today, this gifted athlete, has become a role model in the sport of baseball; his character and achievements stand as a sterling example and inspiration to all who would aspire to success; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by Tommy Ventimiglia is due in great part to the efforts of his many mentors and coaches throughout the years, skilled and inspirational tutors respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The auspicious occasion of his selection in the 18th round

of the MLB Draft provides a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to honor Tommy Ventimiglia for his extraordinary athletic accomplishments which are a tribute to his skill, dedication and commitment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate pitcher Tommy Ventimiglia upon the occasion of being drafted in the 18th round of the 2021 Major League Baseball Draft by the Cleveland Guardians; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tommy Ventimiglia.