

BY: Senator REICHLIN-MELNICK

CONGRATULATING the South Orangetown Little League Softball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2021 Little League Softball East Region Championship

WHEREAS, Individual and team championships are highly sought after in youth sports; this Legislative Body commends rare athletic achievements and pays special recognition to those who pursue such excellence and become examples for the youth of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition helps to enhance both the moral and physical development of young athletes, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the importance of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the South Orangetown Little League Softball Team of Orangeburg, New York, upon the occasion of capturing the 2021 Little League Softball East Region Championship; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the South Orangetown Little League Softball Team defeated the Robbinsville Little League Softball Team from New Jersey in a thrilling 2-0 victory on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, in Bristol, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Despite a two-hour weather delay, the South Orangetown Little League Softball Team remained focused and their lead was never challenged; and

WHEREAS, With this monumental win, the South Orangetown Little League Softball Team clinched a spot in their first ever Little League Softball World Series representing New York in Greenville, North Carolina, from August 11-18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, In their opening game on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, the New York Little League Softball Team defeated the Arizona Team by a score of 4-0; they finished the World Series with a record of 1-3; and

WHEREAS, Family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the girls throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as softball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Bob D'Orio and Manager Joe Chiappa worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Bob D'Orio and all of the outstanding athletes on the South Orangetown Little League Softball Team utilized dedication,

determination and teamwork in providing a lasting contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their community and New York State as a whole; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the South Orangetown Little League Softball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2021 Little League Softball East Region Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the South Orangetown Little League Softball Team, Head Coach Bob D'Orion and Manager Joe Chiappa.