

BY: Senator PALUMBO

COMMENDING eight local high schools upon the occasion of their designation as Schools of Distinction by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend rare athletic and academic achievements and pay special recognition to those who pursue such excellence and become examples for the youth of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Achieving such high honors in sports requires a rigorous work ethic, excellent teamwork, outstanding academic performance, and a desire to better yourself for the greater good; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend eight local high schools upon the occasion of their designation as Schools of Distinction by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA); and

WHEREAS, This year's honorees include Comsewogue High School, Earl L. Vandermuelen High School, Eastport South Manor High School, Mattituck Junior/Senior High School, Miller Place High School, Rocky Point High School, Shelter Island School, and Shoreham-Wading River High School; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the varsity teams of these distinguished schools have proven themselves to be an impressive combination of talent and hard work, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, To earn the School of Distinction Award, 100% of a school's varsity teams must qualify and receive the Scholar-Athlete team award; for a team to earn the Scholar-Athlete award, 75% of that team's roster must average above a 90.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, All the student athletes from these select schools have clearly utilized dedication, determination, and teamwork in providing a lasting 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 commend eight local high schools upon the occasion of their designation as Schools of Distinction by the NYSPHSAA; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Comsewogue High School, Earl L. Vandermuelen High School, Eastport South Manor High School, Mattituck Junior/Senior High School, Miller Place High School, Rocky Point High School, Shelter Island School, and

Shoreham-Wading River High School.