

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Frewsburg Central High School "Bears" Girls' Softball Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class C Championship

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor outstanding high school athletic teams that have exhibited the teamwork, commitment and drive to succeed in athletic competitions in this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, The Frewsburg Central High School "Bears" Girls' Softball Team achieved their first softball title in school history, a Class C State Championship, with its 2-1 win over the Sandy Creek "Comets" on June 8, 2013 at the Adirondack Sports Complex in Queensbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, This talented group of young athletes embodies the true spirit of teamwork in achieving a goal, all while demonstrating the ability to balance the commitments of academics, family and athletics; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the heart, desire, team chemistry and capabilities of this team, the Frewsburg Central High School head coaching staff encouraged this group of talented players as they made their dreams of a championship come true; and

WHEREAS, The Frewsburg "Bears" Girls' Softball Team, from the very beginning of the season, were determined to win the Class C State Championship; in their opening game, Frewsburg tallied six runs and six hits from its first three batters which led them to a 7-0 victory over Section 11's youthful Pierson/Bridghamton squad; and

WHEREAS, Although the team was elated to have won their opener, there was little celebration; these young athletes remained focused on the ultimate goal of winning the State Championship; and

WHEREAS, The last game that stood between the Bears and their title was against Sandy Creek; the Bears knew the competition was fierce, but held tightly onto their dream of being champions; and

WHEREAS, In the second inning of the championship game, Frewsburg Senior Sam Mott hit the first and only home run of the game, giving Frewsburg a 1-0 advantage over Sandy Creek; and

WHEREAS, With the lead established, it was Alanna Blanchard's hit five innings later that brought it home for this determined group of young athletes; and

WHEREAS, With teammate McKenzie Cass on second base, Alanna Blanchard approached the plate with two outs and the pressure building; despite strong pitching from the Sandy Creek Comets, Blanchard slammed an RBI single, putting the Bears in a 2 run lead over the Comets; and

WHEREAS, As the game continued, the Bears inched toward the championship; in the bottom half of the seventh inning, the Bears maintained their 2-0 lead with the Comets up to bat; and

WHEREAS, The Sandy Creek Comets cut this deficit to one when a RBI double was drilled down the left-field line, pushing one runner across home plate; and

WHEREAS, The next play stopped the hearts of everyone in attendance; the Bears tossed a pitch that skipped off the catcher's glove and skidded to the backstop; Reyanne Strong leapt up and raced to the ball while Sam Mott hustled to the plate to ensure that no Sandy Creek runner would get past her; and

WHEREAS, Sam Mott's quick thinking proved to be a success when the umpire called the runner out and that the Bears were the State Champions; and

WHEREAS, The Frewsburg Central High School Softball Team ended its season with a well-earned Class C Championship Title; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Frewsburg Central High School "Bears" Girls' Softball Team; its members: Emily Hair, Kaitlyn Blanchard, Reyanne Strong, Sam Eklund, Shawna Raymond, Bethany Steele, McKenzie Cass, Alanna Blanchard, Annie Berg, Karlee Foti, Emily Johnson, Bobbi Jo Whippo; and Head Coach Jon Blanchard, Assistant Coach Tom Mott, and Scorer Josiah Blanchard on capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class C softball title; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Frewsburg Central High School Girls' Softball Team.