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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Rocco Signore upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the New York State Outstanding Physical Education Award

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in honoring talented high school athletes who distinguish themselves and their community through outstanding academic and athletic performance; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor Rocco Signore upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the New York State Outstanding Physical Education Award; and

WHEREAS, Each year, high schools across the state select one male and one female senior who have achieved excellence academically, athletically and through physical education testing, and who have demonstrated leadership, character, and a high level of activity in their community; and

WHEREAS, Rocco Signore embodies all the attributes New York State educators search for in a candidate for such a prestigious award; he has excelled over the past four years in every aspect of physical education: preparedness, commitment, excellence, enthusiasm and most of all, leadership; and

WHEREAS, On December 10, 2012, at an event held at Crest Hollow Country Club, Rocco Signore of Old Brookville, New York, and a senior at Chaminade High School, was honored as the recipient of the New York State-sponsored Outstanding Physical Education Award; and

WHEREAS, Rocco Signore has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America that truly set him apart; three years ago he created a campaign, "Winners Run, Champions Sprint," to utilize his talent in sprinting to teach children the proper mechanics of

running, acceleration and how to stay fit; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Rocco Signore's clinics provided him with an opportunity to connect with children at another level and to help them understand what it means to be a student-athlete; he emphasized the importance of pursuing their dreams, setting goals and the sacrifices they must make to achieve them; and

WHEREAS, Rocco Signore always stood out as a young leader in his community; a great role model for the youth of the community, his character and leadership serve as an inspiration to those whose passions are to make a difference in their communities; the impact he has made on youth is a tribute to his dedication, enthusiasm and tireless efforts; and

WHEREAS, At Chaminade High School, Rocco Signore has an overall GPA of 3.65 and is a member of the National Honor Society; while achieving honor roll status every year at Chaminade, he has garnered numerous awards as a top-ranked sprinter in New York State; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Rocco Signore is the co-captain of the Flyers Varsity Track squad and also holds several school records; he has collected gold medals in the 55m, 100m, 200m, 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400m track events; and

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice; Rocco Signore's dedication to athletics

is a year-round, everyday commitment; he is highly focused and has developed a matchless work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Rocco Signore's exemplary performance is reflective of his dedication, determination and personal commitment; his achievements stand as a hallmark of what is best in the families, schools and communities across New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Rocco Signore upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the New York State Outstanding Physical Education Award, and to commend him for the enduring honor he has brought to his family, his school and his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rocco Signore.