

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, NY, JULY 12, 2021

*Congratulating Joe Mack on being drafted #31 to the
Major Baseball League Miami Marlins during the 2021 MLB Draft*

WHEREAS, The Miami Marlins selected Joe Mack, a catcher from Williamsville East High School, with the 31st pick on the opening night of the 2021 MLB draft on Sunday in Denver; and

WHEREAS, Mack becomes the fourth player from Western New York to be selected in the first round of the MLB draft, and he is the first player to be a first-round draft pick since 1978; and

WHEREAS, Mack is a left-handed hitter who throws right-handed, and is a player who has power at the plate and who also has solid tools as a catcher; and

WHEREAS, Mack did not play high school baseball during his junior year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which forced the cancellation of spring sports in New York, he shined on the showcase circuit last summer, playing for the East Cobb Astros travel team, which is based in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Joe finished his high school baseball career on June 26 by helping Williamsville East win the Section VI Class A-1 championship with a 6-0 win against Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, this season, Mack batted .500 with 22 RBIs, hit eight doubles and eight home runs and scored 41 runs for the Flames; and

WHEREAS, Mack entered the draft this week rated as the No. 3 draft-eligible catcher; and

WHEREAS, prior to being drafted, Joe's skills also provided him with an opportunity to play collegiate baseball at Clemson University; and

WHEREAS, Mack is the second baseball player in his family to be drafted in the last three years; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Twins selected his older brother, Charlie, in the sixth round of the 2018 MLB draft; and

WHEREAS, his coaches and teammates best characterize Joe's personality as a down-to-earth guy who loves to laughs and always brings so much energy and fun to the game; and

WHEREAS, throughout the pandemic, while fulfilling his dreams, Joe continued to show dedication and display their character through good sportsmanship, exceptional athletic ability and it is the desire of this Honorable Body to recognize dynamic young people such as Joe Mack for these accomplishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and congratulate Joe Mack for his selection as the 31st pick on the opening night of the 2021 Major League Baseball Draft; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body thanks Joe's family and the Williamsville East High School Baseball program for their outstanding efforts in preparing Joe for this phenomenal accomplishment and wishes him the very best for future success as a professional baseball player.

Hon. Jeanne M. Vinal
Erie County Legislator, 5th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature