

STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, NY, JULY 8, 2021

*Honoring the Williamsville East Boys Baseball Teams on Winning the  
2021 Section VI Class A-1 Final*

**WHEREAS**, the *Williamsville East Baseball Team*, has long been known for their scholastic and athletics excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, Williamsville East shut out Grand Island 6-0 in this year's Section VI Class A-1 Baseball Finals in Clarence to give East varsity baseball coach Chris Gruarin, a Niagara Wheatfield graduate and former Grand Island assistant coach, a pennant over his mentor, Grand Island coach Dean Santorio; and

**WHEREAS**, East scored three runs in the second inning and tacked on three more in the sixth for the win; and

**WHEREAS**, Senior star catcher Joe Mack, a projected first-round pick in the upcoming MLB draft quickly established himself as a dynamic and electric pitcher; and

**WHEREAS**, East finished with a 19-3 record, riding a nine-game win streak prior to advancing to the A1 sectional finals; and

**WHEREAS**, after not being together for a full season the year before and having to start this season with limited practice time, the Boys Flames Baseball coaches, staff and players continue to show dedication and display their character through good sportsmanship, academic excellence, and athletic prowess and success, both on and off the field, and it is the desire of this Honorable Body to recognize dynamic young people for these accomplishments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and congratulate the Williamsville East Flames Baseball Team and their coaching staff for their accomplishments on the field; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Honorable Body thanks the team and their coaches for being outstanding ambassadors and exemplars for our community and young people and wishes them the very best for future success.

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**Hon. Jeanne M. Vinal**  
*Erie County Legislator, 5<sup>th</sup> District*

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**Robert M. Graber**  
*Clerk of the Erie County Legislature*