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## **A Resolution of the Carteret County Board of Commissioners Recognizing and Celebrating the Accomplishments of the 14U 2024 Down East Girls Babe Ruth Softball Team**

**WHEREAS**, the 14U 2024 Down East Girls Babe Ruth Softball Team, led by Manager Matthew Mintz and Coaches Adam Dees, Richard Knudsen, and Sara Simpson, has demonstrated exceptional skill, teamwork, and dedication throughout their 2024 season; and

**WHEREAS**, the team, consisting of players Ashley Mintz, Amilya Lewis, Darby Short, Victoria Christensen, Selena Herrera-Alvarado, Alex Parrish, Madison Smith, Kara Knudsen, Erin Davis, Reagan Palmer, Ava Cathcart, and Kayla Driver, represented Carteret County with pride and honor at the Babe Ruth Softball World Series in Florence, Alabama from July 23 to August 1, 2024, finishing third overall and earning a bronze medal; and

**WHEREAS**, the team achieved an impressive tournament batting average of .357, an on-base percentage of .429, an on-base plus slugging percentage of .925, a fielding percentage of .916, and a team ERA of 6.83 during the World Series, all while defeating teams from Texas and competing against teams from across the U.S. and internationally, including Mexico and Australia; and

**WHEREAS**, the team had three players, Ashley Mintz, Amilya Lewis, and Selena Herrera-Alvarado, named to the prestigious All World Team, with Selena Herrera-Alvarado earning both the Gold Glove Award for her fielding percentage over .920 and the Batting Champion title with a .810 batting average; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous players were recognized for their outstanding individual performances with Player of the Game Awards, including Selena Herrera-Alvarado, Ashley Mintz, Amilya Lewis, Darby Short, and Alex Parrish; and

**WHEREAS**, the team's journey to the World Series followed a dominant season, going undefeated in District 5 play with an 11-0 record, scoring over 160 runs and allowing only 9, followed by victories in the District Tournament in Havelock, NC, where they outscored their opponents 55-3 and Amilya Lewis earned the MVP title; and

**WHEREAS**, at the State Tournament in Washington, NC, the team won all six games played, scoring 102 runs, allowing only 13, and securing the State Championship, with Darby Short receiving the Barbara Yeomans Outstanding Player Award; and

**WHEREAS**, this remarkable group of 12 players, aged 12 to 14, played with heart, skill, and unity, becoming the first team from Carteret County to ever participate in a Babe Ruth Softball World Series, demonstrating perseverance and camaraderie that exceeded expectations against teams that could select players from entire counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Down East Girls Softball Team not only made history for Carteret County but also displayed a spirit of sportsmanship, respect, and love for the game, inspiring their community and making all of Carteret County proud;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Carteret County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and celebrates the outstanding achievements of the 14U 2024 Down East Girls Babe Ruth Softball Team, its players, coaches, and supporters, for their remarkable season, and for representing Carteret County with excellence at the Babe Ruth Softball World Series and throughout the year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Carteret County Board of Commissioners extends its gratitude to all those who supported and contributed to the team's success, recognizing that it truly takes a village to raise and support young athletes, and that the entire community shares in this historic accomplishment.

Adopted this 21st day of October, 2024, by the Carteret County Board of Commissioners.



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Jimmy Farrington, Chairman

ATTEST:



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Lori Turner, County Clerk

