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LEGISLATOR BROWNING HONORS WILLIAM FLOYD BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

Posthumously Honors Coach Robert Hodgson



(Legislator Kate Browning, far right, pictured with Superintendent Paul Casciano, far left, Athletic Director Mark Mensch, second from left, and the 2012 Suffolk County AA Large School Champion William Floyd Men's Basketball Team.)

Hauppauge, NY – Legislator Kate Browning (WF-Shirley) honored the late Coach Robert Hodgson and the William Floyd Men's Basketball Team, on the occasion of winning the 2012 Suffolk County AA Large School Championship. The Colonial Men's Basketball Team placed first in League One standings in 2012 with a League record of 13 and 1, and an overall record of 16 and 2.

Coach Robert Hodgson unexpectedly passed away immediately following the season's end. Coach Hodgson had a long and storied career. The Colonials were very successful during his twenty-three years of leading the team. Over the course of that time the team boasted a record of 265 wins, as well as three Suffolk County Class AA Championships in 1994, 1997, and 2012.

Legislator Browning posthumously honored Coach Robert Hodgson with a proclamation for his twenty-three years of service and dedication to the students of the William Floyd School District. He began his coaching career with a ten year stint in Ohio and South Dakota; while in Ohio, he became Head Coach at Dominican College, and later brought the State Tournament Championship to South Dakota. Coach Hodgson was also the President of the New York State Basketball Coaches Association and was most recently its Second Vice President. He was also instrumental in organizing the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Basketball Fundraiser.

“Congratulations to the William Floyd Colonials Men’s Basketball team for winning the Suffolk County AA Large School Championship,” stated Legislator Kate Browning. “2012 was bittersweet for the team. They finished the year as Suffolk County Champions, but unfortunately lost their storied leader shortly after. It is fitting that Coach Hodgson finished his last season a champion. He had a tremendous impact on so many children and will always be remembered for his dedication to the youth at William Floyd.”

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