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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Colleen Somerville of Loudonville, New York, upon the occasion of capturing a gold medal for freestyle figure skating at the 2012 Empire State Games

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in honoring talented high school athletes who distinguish themselves and their community through outstanding athletic performance; 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 Colleen Somerville of Loudonville, New York, upon the occasion of capturing a gold medal for freestyle figure skating at the 2012 Empire State Games; and

WHEREAS, On February 2-5, 2012, at the Empire State Games held at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, New York, Colleen Somerville, a senior at Shaker High School, won a gold medal for freestyle figure skating; her performance qualified her for the State Games of America in 2013; and

WHEREAS, The talent and success displayed by Colleen Somerville of Loudonville, New York, at the 2012 Empire State Games is due in great part to the efforts of her coach, Stephanie Hunter, a skilled and inspirational mentor, respected for her ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice; Colleen Somerville's dedication to figure skating is a year-round, everyday commitment; she is highly focused and has developed a matchless work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Colleen Somerville's exemplary performance is reflective of her dedication, determination and personal commitment; her achievements stand as a hallmark of what is best in the families, schools and commu-

nities across New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Colleen Somerville of Loudonville, New York, upon the occasion of capturing a gold medal for freestyle figure skating at the 2012 Empire State Games, and to commend her for the enduring honor she has brought to her family, her school and her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Colleen Somerville.