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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Alex Finsel upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the Jean Edgecumbe Groff Graduate Scholarship in Education in the School of Education at the University at Albany

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, to honor the achievements of its young citizens and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and accomplishments exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Alex Finsel upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the 2013 Jean Edgecumbe Groff Graduate Scholarship in Education in the School of Education at the University at Albany; and

WHEREAS, SUNY Albany Distinguished Professor Daniel C. Levy has described Alex Finsel as always being one of the first to have his hand up in the classroom, stay engaged in conversation, and take part in discussions outside the class; and

WHEREAS, Professor Levy further describes Alex Finsel as "being special in that he is not only very bright, he is very inquisitive; he tenaciously tries to figure things out and, he is similarly vigorous in his pursuit, but he is also modest"; and

WHEREAS, In receiving this new scholarship, Alex Finsel has said that he hopes his students will realize that if they work hard at something, it can open up opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Alex Finsel knows that the most important gift anybody has is their mind and that whether one chooses to use their mind or not is up to the individual; and

WHEREAS, Alex Finsel is a graduate of Shaker High School and Shaker

High School Principal Richard Murphy has said the school is "extremely proud of his accomplishments"; and

WHEREAS, Associate Professor of Educational Administration and Policy Studies Sandra Vergari is Alex Finsel's Advisor at the University at Albany and describes him as "passionate about education issues and also a careful, analytical thinker"; and

WHEREAS, Alex Finsel has demonstrated a sincere interest in helping to address the challenges confronting today's teachers, students and public education in general; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding role model for his peers, Alex Finsel has brought honor to his family, school, and community; and

WHEREAS, Alex Finsel may stand with pride in his achievements, experiencing the satisfaction of his labors and the joy of his accomplishments, eager to face the challenge of new experiences as he continues his education and begins his career; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Alex Finsel upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the Jean Edgecumbe Groff Graduate Scholarship in Education in the School of Education at the University at Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alex Finsel.