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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Jake T. LeDoux upon the occasion of being selected as a finalist for the National FFA Proficiency Award in Poultry Production-Entrepreneurship/Placement

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with

its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Jake T. LeDoux upon the occasion of being selected as a finalist for the National FFA Proficiency Award in Poultry Production-Entrepreneurship/Placement; and WHEREAS, Jake LeDoux is one of only four finalists for the auspicious award given at the National FFA convention and expo in Louisville, Kentucky, during the week of October 30 to November 2, 2013; and WHEREAS, Finalists were recognized for their outstanding student achievement in agribusiness gained through the establishment of a new business, working for an existing company, or otherwise gaining hands-on career experience through his diligence and rigorous efforts; and WHEREAS, Jake LeDoux, a senior at the Beaver River Central School, is a member of the Beaver River FFA Chapter in Beaver Falls, New York; and WHEREAS, Currently, Jake LeDoux serves as the New York State FFA Association Vice-President: and

WHEREAS, This remarkable young man lives on a diversified livestock farm, and at his suggestion, poultry was added to the beef and lamb previously raised on the farm; and

WHEREAS, He added 1,500 broilers over three years, selling them at local farmers markets, as well as 600 broilers and 106 turkeys in one

year; and

WHEREAS, Jake LeDoux has plans to attend college to study International Agricultural and Agri-Science; and

WHEREAS, The National FFA is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education to 579,678 student members in grades seven to twelve, who belong to one of 7,570 local FFA chapters throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding young man has lived up to FFA's ideals and has attained all of the necessary achievements, including completion of a community service project, which was successfully planned, developed and executed; and

WHEREAS, Jake LeDoux is a credit to his family, his school, his community, his State and his Nation, and no doubt his future will be filled with accomplishments of equal importance; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations, in recognition of the significance of this meritorious achievement, to congratulate and honor Jake LeDoux upon the occasion of being selected as a finalist for the National FFA Proficiency Award in Poultry Production-Entrepreneurship/Placement; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jake LeDoux.