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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Will Skudin upon the occasion of his being named 2013 Surfer of the Year by EASTERN SURFING MAGAZINE

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding athletes who distinguish themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Will Skudin upon the occasion of his being named 2013 Surfer of the Year by EASTERN SURFING MAGAZINE in their 12th Annual ESeMMY Awards, on January 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Professional surfer Will Skudin is the first New Yorker to receive the coveted title "Surfer of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, Will Skudin finished 17th in the world during the 2013 season among the best big wave surfers on the globe; he earned an interview in and made the cover of the June 2013 issue of EASTERN SURFING MAGAZINE after an epic Tahitian session, and earned another article in November 2013 issue and a Billabong XXL Ride of the Year entry for his exploits in Ireland during the 2013 fall season, and competed in the Punta Galea Challenge on the Big Wave World Tour; and

WHEREAS, Will Skudin is looking forward to two other Big Wave World Tour contests: SEATKA Pro Oregon, and Dive N' Surf at Todos Santos in Baja California, Mexico, home to waves that reach heights of up to 60 feet; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Long Beach, New York, where he is co-owner of Skudin Surf surfing school, Will Skudin rode his first wave at age of 6, and started chasing "Mavericks" off the coast of California at the age of 16; and

WHEREAS, Despite nearly losing his life after being slammed by a nearly 70-foot wave while surfing off the coast of Todos Santos in January 2007, this courageous athlete continuously strives for excellence in the sport that is his passion; and

WHEREAS, Will Skudin's accomplishments have brought pride and honor to Oceanside, and the entire State of New York, and thereby merit the highest commendation of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Will Skudin upon the occasion of his being named 2013 Surfer of the Year by EASTERN SURFING MAGAZINE; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Will Skudin.