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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Matthew Jones upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Youth Advocate of the Year Award for Reality Check of the Central Region

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, to honor 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, Matthew Jones has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Matthew Jones upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Youth Advocate of the Year Award for Reality Check of the Central Region on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Jones is a high school student in the Auburn School District; his interests include music, drama club, foreign languages, and making a positive impact on people's lives; he recently joined the volunteer fire department and plans to attend pharmacy school in the future; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Jones was instrumental in educating the Cayuga County Legislature about the negative impact of retail tobacco marketing on the youth of our great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Through his efforts, the Cayuga County Legislature has enacted a new law restricting the distance from schools in which tobacco products can be sold; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Matthew Jones has displayed through his tireless advocacy; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his mother, Maria Jones, who has provided loving and inspirational guidance and feels privileged to rejoice in his being honored; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this young man now stands honorably, with just pride in his achievement and in eager anticipation of future challenges; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body would like to wish Matthew Jones continued success throughout his school years and beyond; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Matthew Jones on the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Youth Advocate of the Year Award for Reality Check of the Central Region; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew Jones.