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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Adam Page of Lancaster, New York, and the U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing a Gold Medal at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to extend its full recognition and grateful tribute to the athletes of New York State who have dedicated their purposeful lives to athletic achievement and proudly represented their great State and Nation in Paralympic competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Adam Page of Lancaster, New York, and the U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing a Gold Medal at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Shayba Arena, Sochi, Russia, by defeating Russia by a score of 1-0; and

WHEREAS, With the victory, Team USA, made up of many military veterans, becomes the first team to win back-to-back gold medals in the Paralympics; this gold medal is the third for the United States since 2002; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Jeff Sauer, a legendary college hockey coach, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Born with spina bifida, 22 year-old Adam Page has been a member of the U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team since 2007; at that time, he was 15 years old, making him the youngest member of the Team; and

WHEREAS, In January 2014, Adam Page helped Team USA win two out of three games against Canada in Indian Trail, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Adam Page also contributed to Team USA's second-place finish

at the December 2013 World Sledge Hockey Challenge in Toronto, Ontario;
and

WHEREAS, In recent years, Adam Page has evolved into a motivational public speaker; companies have invited him to share his story with their employees with the goal of enhancing employee productivity; and

WHEREAS, A role model for all, Adam Page is a talented, dedicated athlete who has brought honor to his community and his family, coaches, and friends who have encouraged his progress and commended his hard work; and

WHEREAS, A gifted athlete, Adam Page's character and his many achievements stand as example and inspiration to all who would aspire to extraordinary success; and

WHEREAS, Many will only dream of competing on the world stage; through his hard work and tenacious spirit, Adam Page has not only made his dream a reality, he has also given just cause for his family, community and State to be proud of his achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Adam Page of Lancaster, New York, and the U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing a Gold Medal at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Adam Page and Coach Jeff Sauer.