

2013-J4833

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Donovan Fields of Newburgh Free Academy upon the occasion of being selected as the 2014 TIMES HERALD RECORD Varsity845 Boys Basketball Player of the Year

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the State of New York who, by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought pride to their school and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Donovan Fields of Newburgh Free Academy upon the occasion of being selected as the 2014 TIMES HERALD RECORD Varsity845 Boys Basketball Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Donovan Fields was selected for this prestigious honor in recognition of his outstanding athletic achievements, as well as his exemplary character demonstrated both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed young man led Newburgh to its first New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHAA) Section 9 Class AA title in three years; he scored a career-high 36 points to help his team win the championship game; and

WHEREAS, The son of Mike and Evelyn Fields, and the brother of Mike Jr. and Alexis, Donovan Fields has been playing basketball since he was four years old; he made his debut for Newburgh Free Academy in his Sophomore year averaging 13 points per game; he followed up this impres-

sive performance his Junior year, improving his skills in all categories and being named a Varsity⁸⁴⁵ second-team all-star; and

WHEREAS, In his Senior year, Donovan Fields showed tremendous athletic ability and character; he averaged 18.6 points and 5.2 rebounds per game, while leading his team to the championship; and

WHEREAS, Donovan Fields has also played admirably in his position as starting quarterback for Newburgh Free Academy; he scored two touchdowns and rushed for 160 yards in last season's championship game; and

WHEREAS, When this remarkable athlete is not playing sports, he dedicates himself to his academic career, maintaining an A average; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Donovan Fields has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of his school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Donovan Fields of Newburgh Free Academy upon the occasion of being selected as the 2014 TIMES HERALD RECORD Varsity⁸⁴⁵ Boys Basketball Player of the Year, and to recognize his athletic and academic excellence; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Donovan Fields.