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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Joseph McDonald upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Robert L. Weininger Memorial V.F.W. Post No. 8692 on May 4, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Joseph McDonald upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Robert L. Weininger Memorial V.F.W. Post No. 8692 at its 44th Annual Loyalty Day Ceremony on Sunday, May 4, 2014, at the Post Hall, Colonie, New York; and

WHEREAS, As part of the Loyalty Day, "The Celebration of Patriotism," event, Joseph McDonald will be presented the 2014 Patriot's Pen Award; and

WHEREAS, The V.F.W. sponsors the annual Patriot's Pen essay-writing contest to encourage youthful minds to examine our nation's history and their own experiences in modern American society; students draft a 300 to 400 word essay expressing their views on a patriotic theme chosen by the V.F.W. Commander-in-Chief; this year's theme was, "What Patriotism Means to Me"; and

WHEREAS, Joseph McDonald, a student at Christian Brothers Academy in Albany, New York, was selected as a Patriot's Pen winner for his outstanding essay; and

WHEREAS, Loyalty Day is a commemorative holiday, during the observance of which Americans pause to celebrate our freedom and to reaffirm our allegiance to the United States, while also remembering our responsibil-

ities to continue the legacy of liberty; and

WHEREAS, In publicly and effectively reflecting on the values of citizenship, patriotism, and what it means to be an American, Joseph McDonald exemplifies the ideals of Loyalty Day, and embodies the spirit of the principles upon which this Nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, This occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to wish Joseph McDonald continued success throughout his school years and beyond; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Joseph McDonald upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Robert L. Weininger Memorial V.F.W. Post No. 8692 at its 44th Annual Loyalty Day Ceremony; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph McDonald.