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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring football player Khalil Mack of the University at Buffalo, upon the occasion of his selection by the Oakland Raiders in the NFL Draft

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those exemplary athletes who excel in professional athletics, distinguishing themselves through notable achievements and representing the great Empire State with pride and determination; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor football player Khalil Mack of the University at Buffalo, upon the occasion of his selection by the Oakland Raiders in the NFL Draft on May 8-10, 2014; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of both Fort Pierce Westwood High School and the University at Buffalo where he was a football star, Khalil Mack has been selected fifth overall by the Oakland Raiders as an outside linebacker in the first round of the NFL Draft; and

WHEREAS, One of the most prolific pass rushers in NCAA history, Khalil Mack has had an exceptional collegiate football career, and holds the all-time record for most forced fumbles and most tackles for a loss; and

WHEREAS, In his senior year, this remarkable young man won the CFP Linebacker Trophy and was named the 2013 MAC Defensive Player of the Year, as well as a second-team All-American by the Associated Press; and

WHEREAS, Khalil Mack's overall accomplishments are outstanding; he was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Khalil Mack 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 football player Khalil Mack of the University at Buffalo, upon the occasion of his selection by the Oakland Raiders in the NFL Draft, and to wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Khalil Mack.