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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Pitcher Jeffrey R. Hoffman upon the occasion of being drafted in the first round of the 2014 Major League Baseball Draft by the Toronto Blue Jays

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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

Jeffrey R. Hoffman upon the occasion of being drafted in the first round of the 2014 Major League Baseball Draft by the Toronto Blue Jays; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Shaker High School in Latham, New York, and a Junior at East Carolina University, Jeffrey R. "Jeff" Hoffman was selected ninth overall as a pitcher by the Toronto Blue Jays in the 2014 Major League Baseball Draft; and

WHEREAS, In the 2014 season, Jeff Hoffman led his squad with eight quality starts, striking out six or more batters in seven outings, while limiting opposing hitters to a .216 composite batting average; and

WHEREAS, This talented student-athlete achieved double digit strike-out totals against Middle Tennessee (16) and Western Kentucky University (14), earning him Player of the Week honors from both C-USA and Louisville Slugger; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Jeff Hoffman displayed tremendous ability while playing with the Hyannis Harbor Hawks in the Cape Cod Baseball League (CCBL) in the summer of 2013; he was named the Robert A. McNeese Award Winner for Outstanding Pro Prospect in CCBL, and was selected to a second straight All-Star squad; and

WHEREAS, With his selection by the Toronto Blue Jays as the ninth

overall pick, Jeff Hoffman becomes the highest drafted student-athlete in East Carolina University history; and

WHEREAS, Regarded as a top prospect, Jeff Hoffman was also rated the No.2 overall prospect by BASEBALL AMERICA and the Top Breakout Player in 2014 by PERFECT GAME; and

WHEREAS, A gifted athlete, he has become a role model in the sport of baseball; his character and achievements stand as a sterling example and inspiration to all who would aspire to success; and

WHEREAS, The auspicious occasion of his selection in the first round of the Major League Baseball Draft provides a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to honor Jeff Hoffman for his extraordinary athletic accomplishments which are a tribute to his skill, dedication and commitment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Jeffrey R. Hoffman upon the occasion of being drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays Major League Baseball Team; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jeffrey R. Hoffman.