

## 2015-J326

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Justin Leathers upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Scholarship Award by the Major General Irene Trowell-Harris Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor the young adults 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 honor Justin Leathers upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Scholarship Award by the Major General Irene Trowell-Harris Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion will be celebrated at the 17th Annual Tuition Assistance Awards Celebration on Saturday, February 7, 2015, at Anthony's Pier 9, New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Newburgh Free Academy, Justin Leathers is a member of the track team with a varsity letter in the sport for all four years of his high school career; he gained a second place finish in the long jump at the 2013 Junior Olympics, Randall's Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, Justin Leathers is a Second Lieutenant and has been an Assistant Flight Commander in the school's Air Force JROTC program; he hopes to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and major in homeland security, with the aim of becoming an agent of the FBI; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated volunteer for the Salvation Army in Newburgh, Justin Leathers serves as a mentor in the Salvation Army Life After School Program, and a youth counselor in its summer program; he has also worked to raise funds and distribute Thanksgiving meals for the Ebenezer Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his high school career, Justin Leathers has displayed exceptional academic achievement, a strong sense of community responsibility, and a commitment to excellence which is unparalleled; and

WHEREAS, Justin Leathers, in achieving this academic honor, may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of excellence he brings to his family, friends, community and school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Justin Leathers upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Scholarship Award by the Major General Irene Trowell-Harris Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., and to extend to him best wishes for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Justin Leathers.