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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joel Wincowski upon the occasion of setting a new NYSPHAA Section II Boys Basketball all-time scoring record

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in honoring talented high school athletes who distinguish themselves and their community through outstanding athletic performance; and

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor Joel Wincowski upon the occasion of setting a new NYSPHAA Section II Boys Basketball all-time scoring record; and

WHEREAS, On Tuesday, February 24, 2015, Lake George High School senior Joel Wincowski became the new NYSPHAA Section II Boys Basketball all-time scoring leader with a driving layup during the first half of his team's 81-53 victory over Maple Hill High School in the opening round of the Section II Class C State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Following his record breaking basket, Joel Wincowski was presented with a commemorative game ball at a center-court ceremony featuring members of his family, Lake George Head Coach Dave Jones, and Al Fredette; and

WHEREAS, Joel Hess Wincowski, the son of Joel R. and Carol H. Wincowski, was born on December 1, 1996, in Marshall, Texas; he has been playing basketball since he could walk, and began his AAU basketball career as a first grader in Granville, New York; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious high school basketball career, Joel

Wincowski scored a career 2,615 points while also maintaining a 91 average at Lake George High School; in addition, he is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society; and WHEREAS, This remarkable athlete was selected four times to the Adirondack League All-Stars Team, and was twice Player of the Year; he was also chosen as a three-time Channel 13 All-Star and a two-time POST STAR All-Star, as well as the 2013 TIMES UNION Small School Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Joel Wincowski was named the 2013 New York State Player of the Year and a 2014 Max Preps All-American; he has three consecutive Section II All-Tournament Team appearances and was twice named MVP; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, SPORTS ILLUSTRATED recognized Joel Wincowski for making the game winning shot in the New York State Section II Class C finals, and for becoming the new Section II all-time leading scorer; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by Joel Wincowski is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Dave Jones, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Joel Wincowski has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend the University of Maryland, Baltimore County where he will continue his basketball career; and

WHEREAS, Joel Wincowski's exemplary performance in basketball is reflective of his dedication, determination and personal commitment; his achievements stand as a hallmark of what is best in the families, schools and communities across New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Joel Wincowski upon the occasion of setting a new NYSPHAA Section

II Boys Basketball all-time scoring record, and to commend him for the enduring honor he has brought to his family, his school and his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joel Wincowski, and Coach Dave Jones.