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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Sawyer Fredericks of Fultonville, New York, upon the occasion of winning season eight of "The Voice" on May 19, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those young people who, by achieving outstanding success in musical competition, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Sawyer Fredericks of Fultonville, New York, upon the occasion of winning season eight of "The Voice" during the Finale on Tuesday, May 19, 2015; and

WHEREAS, This sensational victory capped off a months-long odyssey on the NBC singing competition that not only catapulted the home-schooled 16-year-old farm boy to national stardom but put Fultonville, New York, on the map; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with humble enthusiasm and determined purpose, Sawyer Fredericks continuously advanced each week throughout the arduous competition based on listeners' votes and downloads on iTunes, where the songs he performed on "The Voice" consistently hit the Top 10; and

WHEREAS, Sawyer Fredericks was coached by Pharrell Williams, an accomplished singer/songwriter who guided and inspired young Sawyer to reach his full potential and to pursue his promising musical career; and

WHEREAS, Sawyer Fredericks, notorious for his long locks, bowler hat and gritty vocals, is a guitar player and creative songwriter who learned his first guitar chords in the fall of 2010; and

WHEREAS, He lives and works on his family's farm, Windrake Farm, in Fultonville, New York; whether bringing hay to the cows, collecting

eggs, riding a quad, or playing Elder Scrolls Online, Sawyer Fredericks can always be heard singing or strumming his guitar; and

WHEREAS, This talented young artist, mature beyond his years, has written more than 36 complete songs, and countless partial melodies, or "doodles" as he would call them; and

WHEREAS, Sawyer Fredericks' stellar performances can be found on both YouTube and his musician Facebook page; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Sawyer Fredericks recorded as well as copyrighted his first demo CD, featuring six original songs; in June of the following year, he released his first full length album, "Out My Window" complete with 15 original songs; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize the amazing and unique talent of Sawyer Fredericks who has brought enduring pride to his family, his fans, the State of New York, and the Nation as a whole, fully confident of his response to a promising future and appreciative of the model he represents for all those aspiring to be contestants on "The Voice"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Sawyer Fredericks upon the occasion of winning season eight of "The Voice", and to wish him the best of luck and much success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sawyer Fredericks.