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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating student-athlete Ali Shawish upon the occasion of being named All-Western New York Player for 2015 in Boys Soccer

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, 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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize our young individuals, who strive for athletic and academic excellence through rigorous training and mental and physical discipline; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate student-athlete Ali Shawish upon the occasion of being named All-Western New York Player for 2015 in Boys Soccer; and

WHEREAS, An integral part of the Lackawanna High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team, Ali Shawish helped lead his team to three consecutive Erie County Interscholastic Conference (ECIC) titles while amassing a school record of 106 career goals; and

WHEREAS, During the 2015 season, Ali Shawish became the top scoring player in Western New York with 48 goals in 19 games; he was also selected to the All New York State Small School second team, and named Player of the Year for the ECIC Division IV Boys Soccer League for the second straight year; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed young man was twice voted Team

Captain with the support of his teammates, and was listed on the All Western New York State Small School first team in both 2014 and 2015; and

WHEREAS, Ali Shawish's overall varsity career has been 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 Ali Shawish 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 congratulate student-athlete Ali Shawish upon the occasion of being named All-Western New York Player for 2015 in Boys Soccer; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ali Shawish.