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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating student-athlete Kevin Huerter upon the occasion of being named Mr. New York State Basketball by the Basketball Coaches Association of New York

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 and pay tribute to those young people within the State of New York who, by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought pride to their school and community; 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 Kevin Huerter upon the occasion of being named Mr. New York State Basketball by the Basketball Coaches Association of New York on Wednesday, March 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, An integral part of the Shenendehowa Boys Varsity Basketball Team, senior Kevin Huerter has displayed outstanding athletic skill, tremendous dedication and exemplary sportsmanship, and consequently was selected for New York State's highest individual honor in basketball; and

WHEREAS, During the 2015-2016 season, Kevin Huerter averaged 22.5 points per game, 8.3 rebounds per game and 7.2 assists per game, becoming the second all-time leading scorer for Shenendehowa and its all-time

assists leader, as well as the fourth player in school history to

surpass the 1,000-point mark; and

WHEREAS, A three-year Captain, this esteemed young athlete played for four years on the Plainsmen varsity squad and was named MVP of the 2015 NYSPHSAA Championship team; he is also only the second Section II or Shenendehowa player to ever be named Mr. New York State Basketball; and

WHEREAS, Known for his exceptional talent and unselfishness on and off the court, Kevin Huerter plans on continuing his basketball career at the University of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by Kevin Huerter is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Tony Dzikas, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Huerter's overall high school career has been outstanding, and 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 Kevin Huerter 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 Kevin Huerter upon the occasion of being named Mr. New York State Basketball by the Basketball Coaches Association of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kevin Huerter.