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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring student-athlete Kelsey Minato upon the occasion of being named the 2016 Division I Player of the Year by the Metropolitan Writers Basketball Association

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those young individuals within our midst, who strive for athletic and academic excellence through rigorous training and mental and physical discipline; 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, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor student-athlete Kelsey Minato upon the occasion of being named the 2016 Division I Player of the Year by the Metropolitan Writers Basketball Association; and

WHEREAS, Kelsey Minato, a senior at the United States Military Academy, has received this prestigious award in recognition of her exceptional athletic performance, as well as for her exemplary character demonstrated both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, A gifted scorer and talented young athlete, Kelsey Minato established a new West Point Academy and Patriot League career scoring record of 2,556 points, and was ranked seventh in the Nation at 23.2 points per game; she also owns all-time West Point career marks for 3-pointers (329), free throws (569) and field goals (829); and

WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed athlete has helped lead her Army Black Knights Basketball Team to an impressive record of 29 wins with

just three losses, a 17-0 record at home, and three Patriot League tournament wins by an average of 25 points, as well as an NCAA tournament berth; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and honors, Kelsey Minato has earned All-American honors and was a first-team All-Metropolitan pick the past three seasons and second-team as a freshman; she has also won the Patriot League MVP award three times; and

WHEREAS, Kelsey Minato's overall basketball career has been outstanding, and she 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 Kelsey Minato has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of her school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Kelsey Minato upon the occasion of being named the 2016 Division I Player of the Year by the Metropolitan Writers Basketball Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kelsey Minato.