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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating St. John's University Freshman Jeremy Baltz of Vestal, New York, upon being named a Louisville Slugger second-team All-American

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate St. John's University Freshman Jeremy Baltz of Vestal, New York, upon being named a Louisville Slugger second-team All-American; and

WHEREAS, St. John's University freshman Jeremy Baltz of Vestal has been named a Louisville Slugger second-team All-American, as announced by COLLEGIATE BASEBALL; he was the Big East Rookie of the Year and a unanimous first team All-Big East selection; and

WHEREAS, Before an NCAA Tournament game against Mississippi, Jeremy Baltz was batting .393 with 20 home runs, 74 RBIs and a .741 slugging percentage; he started all 58 games this season, had 58 runs scored, 16 doubles and a .471 on-base percentage; in the regular season, he led the Big East in RBIs (71) and slugging percentage (.771), and was tied for the lead league in home runs (20); and

WHEREAS, An outfielder, Jeremy Baltz broke St. John's single-season records in both home runs and RBIs on May 14, 2010, when he homered four times in a victory against Louisville; the outfielder concluded the regular season as the nation's leader in home runs by a freshman; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Baltz's overall record is 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 Jeremy Baltz has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate St. John's University Freshman Jeremy Baltz of Vestal, New York, upon being named a Louisville Slugger second-team All-American; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jeremy Baltz.