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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Ellenville High School studentathlete John Paulsen upon the occasion of being named the DAILY FREEMAN Boys Basketball Player of the Year

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 have inspired and brought pride to their school and community by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate John Paulsen upon the occasion of being named the DAILY FREEMAN Boys Basketball Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, In the final game of his senior year, John Paulsen eclipsed 1,000 career points. with a 25-point effort against John S. Burke Catholic High School; this outstanding accomplishment put him at 1,006 points; and

WHEREAS, Ellenville posted their best record in 17 years, finishing 16-5 after a 5-11 campaign the previous season; by qualifying for the Section 9 and Class B playoffs, Ellenville played three extra games which helped to put John Paulsen over the top; and WHEREAS, A complete and unselfish player, John Paulsen, a shooting guard, averaged 21.7 points, 8.1 rebounds, 5.2 assists and 3.8 steals; and

WHEREAS, Loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large, John Paulsen has proven himself to be an unbeatable combination of athletic and academic talents and stands as a sterling example and inspiration to all who would aspire to success; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and

accomplishment, and John Paulsen has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition at Ellenville High School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Ellenville High School student-athlete John Paulsen upon the occasion of being named the DAILY FREEMAN Boys Basketball Player of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Paulsen.