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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Nick Ziobro upon the occasion of winning the Great American Songbook Vocal Competition

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and recognize those young people of the State of New York, who demonstrate outstanding determination, true purpose, and high achievement, and whose exemplary artistic talents and accomplishments clearly demonstrate the pursuit of excellence and service to community, thereby bringing great pride to our Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Nick Ziobro upon the occasion of winning first place at the Great American Songbook Vocal Competition; and

WHEREAS, Since the very young age of eight, Nick Ziobro has publically performed on stages throughout Central New York as an actor, singer and dancer, dedicating countless hours to personal practice and rehearsals; and

WHEREAS, As a 15-year-old Fayetteville-Manlius High School sophomore, one of Nick Ziobro's dreams came true; he was selected from regional competition as one of 10 finalists to sing at the Great American Songbook Vocal Competition on June 15, 2012; and

WHEREAS, The Great American Songbook Vocal Competition is the only competition in the United States that is based solely on music from Broadway, from Hollywood musicals, and from the Tin Pan Alley era of the early to mid-20th Century; and

WHEREAS, In preparation for national competition, Nick Ziobro attended the Michael Feinstein Great American Songbook "boot camp" in Indianapolis, receiving one-on-one coaching from world-renowned singers, such as Michael Feinstein, Sylvia McNair and Sandi Patty; he learned how to interpret two solo performances, "All of Me" and "Here's That Rainy Day" by the late Emmy-Award winning composer and Syracuse native Jimmy Van Heusen; and

WHEREAS, On June, 15, 2012, with his proud family in the audience, Nick Ziobro stepped on stage at the Palladium in Carmel for the Great American Songbook Vocal Competition and sang to perfection "All of Me" and "Here's That Rainy Day," capturing First Place for his outstanding talent, interpretation and presence; and

WHEREAS, For winning the Great American Songbook Vocal Competition, Nick Ziobro, among many other opportunities, will sing in New York City with Michael Feinstein, and he will sing the national anthem before the Indianapolis Colts game at Lucas Oil Stadium on September 23, 2012; and WHEREAS, Nick Ziobro worked tirelessly and rehearsed countless hours before the big competition, proving that dedication, enthusiasm, and success are tremendous inspirations to the citizens of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor, recognize, and congratulate Nick Ziobro for winning first place at the Great American Songbook Vocal Competition; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nick Ziobro.