

## 2013-J480

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ailayia Demand upon the occasion of breaking the Watervliet High School Varsity Girls' Basketball Team's all-time scoring record

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in honoring talented high school athletes who distinguish themselves and their community through outstanding athletic performance; 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, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor Ailayia Demand upon the occasion of breaking the Watervliet High School Varsity Girls' Basketball Team's all-time scoring record; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, January 26, 2013, Ailayia Demand became the Watervliet Girls' Varsity Basketball Team's all-time scoring leader; and

WHEREAS, Ailayia Demand has been a member, starting point guard and cornerstone of the Watervliet Girl's Varsity Basketball team for five years; and

WHEREAS, During her illustrious high school basketball career, Ailayia Demand has been named to the TROY RECORD's, All-City team four times, twice as Player of the Year; in addition, she also has been selected to the ALBANY TIMES UNION's Small School All-Star team three times, once as Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ailayia Demand has been a member of the Colonial Council All-Star team for four years, and was its Most Valuable Player in 2012; she has also been the Class B Sectional Most Valuable Player on two occasions; and

WHEREAS, During her high school career, Ailayia Demand was selected to the All-State team for the past three seasons; her teams have won three Sectional Titles, two Regional Championships and twice advanced to the New York State Final Four; and

WHEREAS, Ailayia Demand has consistently demonstrated superior leadership and a positive attitude in both her school and community, making her an outstanding role model for younger players looking to follow in her footsteps; and

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice; Ailayia Demand's dedication to basketball is a year-round, everyday commitment; she is highly focused and has developed a matchless work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Ailayia Demand's exemplary performance in basketball is reflective of her dedication, determination and personal commitment; her achievements stand as a hallmark of what is best in the families, schools and communities across New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ailayia Demand upon the occasion of breaking the Watervliet High School Varsity Girls' Basketball Team's all-time scoring record, and to commend her for the enduring honor she has brought to her family, her school and her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ailayia Demand.