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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Courtney Benoit upon the occasion of being honored for her outstanding scholastic achievement at the Scholars' Recognition Dinner, May 8, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Courtney Benoit upon the occasion of being honored for her outstanding scholastic achievement at the Scholars' Recognition Dinner, May 8, 2013, at the Albany Marriott Hotel; this year's keynote speaker was Dr. Susan Scrimshaw, President of The Sage Colleges; and

WHEREAS, The Scholars' Recognition Program honors the outstanding scholastic achievement of members of the graduating classes of the public, private, parochial and BOCES secondary schools in 11 neighboring Capital District counties; and

WHEREAS, The high schools selected these students to recognize their scholarship, leadership and service to their schools and communities; the students then each nominated a teacher who has influenced their lives in a significant way; and

WHEREAS, A Colonie Central High School student, Courtney Benoit is ranked number one in her class; she has consistently challenged herself with coursework, including six advanced placement (AP) courses, two college level courses, and the new advanced science course, Molecular Biology/Biochemistry; and

WHEREAS, This exemplary young woman is passionate about science; she is actively involved in the annual Science Olympiad, is a molecular biology Outreach Program Assistant, and will pursue a bachelor's degree

in Biochemistry; and

WHEREAS, Courtney Benoit plays first chair flute in the Wind Ensemble, and is a member of Key Club and National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Courtney Benoit credits the influence of Jason Goldberg for being an incredible teacher, friend, and for believing in her success; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this scholar now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by her teachers and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Courtney Benoit upon the occasion of being honored for her outstanding scholastic achievement at the Scholars' Recognition Dinner; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Courtney Benoit.