

## 2013-J3050

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Philip Groenwegen upon the occasion of being honored for his 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 Philip Groenwegen upon the occasion of being honored for his 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 student at Bethlehem High School, Philip Groenwegen is an accomplished young man in many areas but his passions are learning about languages and cultures; he spearheaded a District wide program to encourage elementary students' interest in foreign languages; and

WHEREAS, A true "Renaissance man", Philip Groenwegen excels in all academic areas; an accomplished flutist, he has been first chair in Wind Ensemble as well as a member of the Empire State Youth Orchestra; he loves learning for its own sake and always pushes himself to achieve his



best; and

WHEREAS, Philip Groenwegen credits his teacher, Ms. Atallah for inspiring him; she is an enthusiastic and committed teacher, and aside from teaching him French, she generously agreed to help him pursue an independent study in Arabic; and

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

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Philip Groenwegen.