

## 2015-J211

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Wilder Johnson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Outstanding 4-H Member Award by the 4-H Club Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Wilder Johnson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Outstanding 4-H Member Award by the 4-H Club Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties; and

WHEREAS, The 4-H Club is the nation's largest youth development and empowerment organization, reaching more than seven million young people in urban neighborhoods, suburban schoolyards and rural farming communities; fueled by a university-backed curriculum, 4-H'ers engage in hands-on learning activities in the areas of science, healthy living, and food security; and

WHEREAS, The New York State 4-H seeks to foster the development of leadership ability, life skills, and good citizenship in its young men and women; it is the only youth development program directly connected to technological advances and the latest research at Cornell University; and

WHEREAS, Wilder Johnson, the son of Obie and Nancy Johnson, has been a 4-H member for 12 years as a member of both the Rangers 4-H Club and the Columbia Teen Ambassadors 4-H Club; he is being recognized for his strong leadership and excellence in project work; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional young man has enjoyed participation in several 4-H project areas including foods and nutrition, natural resources, gardening and expressive arts, and has greatly excelled in the horse science project; and

WHEREAS, With a deep interest in horse science, Wilder Johnson has participated in the Horse Bowl for many years, rising to become a member of the district team and subsequently being awarded the position of Captain of the New York State Horse Bowl Team; and

WHEREAS, Wilder Johnson's leadership abilities have expanded and grown through his involvement in 4-H activities; he has participated in a number of 4-H statewide leadership trips, and has been a member of the planning team for the state teen leadership retreat for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he is an excellent public speaker, and has done an outstanding job serving as MC for the 4-H Achievement Night; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Wilder Johnson, a young man and able scholar, recognizing the value of his labors and the promise of his future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Wilder Johnson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Outstanding 4-H Member Award, to congratulate him for this outstanding achievement and to extend to him the best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being, fully confident of his response to a promising future and appreciative of the model he represents for all aspiring young people of the Empire State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Wilder Johnson.