

## 2015-J680

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Shannon McGuinness and Pedro Duarte upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the New York State Outstanding Physical Education Student Award

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in honoring talented high school athletes who distinguish themselves and their community through outstanding academic and 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 Shannon McGuinness and Pedro Duarte upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the New York State Outstanding Physical Education Student Award; and

WHEREAS, Each year, high schools across the Empire State select one male and one female senior who have achieved excellence academically, athletically and through physical education testing, as well as through demonstrated leadership, character, and a high level of activity in their community; and

WHEREAS, Shannon McGuinness and Pedro Duarte of Carle Place High School, embody all the attributes New York State educators search for in candidates for such a prestigious award; they have both excelled over the past four years in every aspect of physical education: preparedness, commitment, excellence, enthusiasm and most of all, leadership; and

WHEREAS, Shannon McGuinness' and Pedro Duarte's exemplary performance is reflective of their dedication, determination and personal commit-

ment; their 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 Shannon McGuinness and Pedro Duarte upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the New York State Outstanding Physical Education Student Award, and to commend them for the enduring honor they have brought to their families, their school and their community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Shannon McGuinness and Pedro Duarte.