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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the untimely death of Amir H. Billups, former exceptional basketball player and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is deeply moved to inscribe upon its records the remembrance for Amir H. Billups, a young man who had a keen sense of humor and a caring and dedicated concern for others; and

WHEREAS, It is with feelings of deep regret that this Legislative Body mourns the untimely death of Amir H. Billups of Lockport, New York, who died on Saturday, February 14, 2015, at the age of 24; and

WHEREAS, A former standout basketball player, for four years Amir H. Billups was a member of the Starpoint Varsity Basketball Team, graduating in 2008; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable athlete was among NCAA Division III leaders for three-point shooting percentage as a senior at Fredonia State; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Amir H. Billups was a member of the Buffalo 716ers semi-pro team; in 2013, he led the team in scoring during the Los Angeles Summer Pro League where he was ranked in the top five in scoring, and earned an All-Star selection; and

WHEREAS, Amir H. Billups's outstanding performance in the Los Angeles Summer Pro League earned him a private workout with the Bakersfield Jam, a team in the NBA Development League; and

WHEREAS, Amir H. Billups embodied countless attributes including good judgment and a positive attitude, coupled with a drive to help others; and

WHEREAS, He will truly be missed by his family members, many friends and all those he came in contact with throughout the years including his coaches, teammates, and fellow athletes; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Amir H. Billups leaves behind a legacy which will long

endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the untimely death of Amir H. Billups, and to send sincerest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Amir H. Billups.