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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Brandon Barksdale upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Youth Award by the Buffalo Branch of the NAACP on June 14, 2015

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Brandon Barksdale upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Youth Award by the Buffalo Branch of the NAACP, to be celebrated at its 100th Anniversary Dinner on Sunday, June 14, 2015, at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center, Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of his community, Brandon Barksdale has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Barksdale is a freshman at Frederick Law Olmstead School where he is a member of the baseball and basketball teams; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he plays the saxophone for community events at St. Martin DePorres Church and received the church's Youth of the Year Award in 2012; he also received the Greater Niagara Frontier Council's Youth of the Year Award in Scouting in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Brandon Barksdale has stood constant

in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Brandon Barksdale has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Brandon Barksdale upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Youth Award by the Buffalo Branch of the NAACP on June 14, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brandon Barksdale.