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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Sawyer Fredericks of Fultonville, New York, upon the occasion of winning season eight of "The Voice"

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to those young people within our midst whose nationally acclaimed accomplishments bring pride to their families, their communities, and to the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Sawyer Fredericks of Fultonville, New York, upon the occasion of winning season eight of "The Voice" on May 19, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Sawyer Fredericks was mentored by Pharrell Williams, a skilled singer/songwriter who guided and inspired young Sawyer to reach his full potential and pursue his promising musical career; and

WHEREAS, Sawyer Fredericks, a 16 year old singer, guitar player and prolific songwriter, who learned his first guitar chords in the Fall of 2010, lives and works on his family's farm, Windrake Farm, in Fultonville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Whether bringing hay to the cows, collecting eggs, riding a quad, or playing Elder Scrolls Online, Sawyer Fredericks can always be heard singing or strumming his guitar; and

WHEREAS, To date, this talented young man has written more than 36 complete songs, and countless partial melodies, or "doodles" as he would call them; and

WHEREAS, Sawyer Fredericks' performances were consistently at the top of the download charts on iTunes and his performances can also be found on both YouTube and his musician Facebook page; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Sawyer Fredericks recorded as well as copyrighted his first demo CD, featuring six original songs; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, in June of 2013, Sawyer Fredericks released his first full length album, "Out My Window" complete with 15 original songs; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize the amazing and unique talent of Sawyer Fredericks who has brought enduring pride to his family, his fans, the State of New York, and the Nation as a whole, fully confident of his response to a promising future and appreciative of the model he represents for all those aspiring to be contestants on "The Voice"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Sawyer Fredericks of Fultonville, New York, upon the occasion of winning season eight of "The Voice"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sawyer Fredericks.