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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating student-athlete Andrea Ernst upon the occasion of being named the 2015 Prep Talk Player of the Year for Girls Swimming by THE BUFFALO NEWS

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; 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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize our young individuals, who strive for athletic and academic excellence through rigorous training and mental and physical discipline; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate student-athlete Andrea Ernst upon the occasion of being named the 2015 Prep Talk Player of the Year for Girls Swimming by THE BUFFALO NEWS celebrated on Monday, June 15 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel and Conference Center in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, An integral part of the Orchard Park High School Girls Varsity Swim Team, junior Andrea Ernst displayed tremendous hard work, outstanding athletic skill, and exemplary sportsmanship to receive this prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed young woman has made four straight trips to the New York State Championships and was a member of the 2013-2014 USA Swimming Scholastic All-America Team; and

WHEREAS, During the 2014-2015 season, Andrea Ernst won her second

consecutive New York State Championship in the 100-yard freestyle; her winning time at the state meet was 50.88, the very same time she won in the previous year; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Andrea Ernst took second place at the state meet in the 50 yard freestyle, and set an Orchard Park record in an All-American time of 23.40 in the preliminaries; she also anchored second-place finishes for the Quakers in the 200 and 400 free relays and helped lead her team to a third place finish with 172 points; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Ernst will look to earn a third consecutive state title in her senior year, and has already attracted attention from numerous major Division I swim programs; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Andrea Ernst has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of her school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate student-athlete Andrea Ernst upon the occasion of being named the 2015 Prep Talk Player of the Year for Girls Swimming by THE BUFFALO NEWS, and to wish her all the best in her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrea Ernst.