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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Shawn Burke upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Scholarship Award by the Major General Irene Trowell-Harris Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor the young adults of today and leaders of tomorrow whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Shawn Burke upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Scholarship Award by the Major General Irene Trowell-Harris Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion will be celebrated at the 18th Annual Tuition Assistance Program on Saturday, February 6, 2016, at Anthony's Pier 9, New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Monticello High School, Shawn Burke serves as President of both the Monticello High School Student Council and Debate Team; in addition, he is the student member of the Monticello School District Board; and

WHEREAS, With a passion for music, Shawn Burke has played the viola for eight years, has been a member of the school's orchestra for two years, is the resident violist in the Aspiring Young Musicians program, and serves as the violist for St. Joseph's Church in his hometown of Wurtsboro; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary young man has been a member of the Tuskegee Airmen Chapter's Red Tail Youth Flying Program for six years, and is currently the Commander of the 21-student unit; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Burke plans to attend college to study political

science as well as history, followed by law school, and ultimately a career in politics; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his high school career, Shawn Burke has displayed exceptional academic achievement, a strong sense of community responsibility, and a commitment to excellence which is unparalleled; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Burke, in achieving this academic honor, may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of excellence he brings to his family, friends, community and school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Shawn Burke upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Scholarship Award by the Major General Irene Trowell-Harris Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., and to extend to him best wishes for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Shawn Burke.