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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John Winchester upon the occasion of his induction into the Warwick Valley Boys Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2016 by the Warwick Valley Central School District

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those individuals whose exceptional athletic prowess leaves an enduring legacy in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John Winchester upon the occasion of his induction into the Warwick Valley Boys Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2016 by the Warwick Valley Central School District which was celebrated on Friday, January 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The outstanding efforts, commitment, and past accomplishments of John Winchester on the hardwood have helped shape the history of the Warwick Valley Wildcats Basketball Team and serve as an inspiration to the current generation of players; and

WHEREAS, A 1954 graduate of Warwick Valley High School, John Winchester was a four-year varsity player and three-year starter from 1950-54, under the tutelage of Head Coach C. Ashley Morgan; and

WHEREAS, Known for his one hand set shot, this esteemed Captain of the 1953-54 team was the leading scorer in his senior year with an average of 17.1 points per game; he also averaged in double figures in scoring his last three years on the varsity team; and

WHEREAS, In addition, John Winchester was the recipient of the prestigious George J. Hart Athletic Award at the 1954 commencement for the senior male who has contributed the most to athletics during his high

school career; and

WHEREAS, Athletes like John Winchester provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of student-athletes in their athletic journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, John Winchester has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the Warwick Valley Central School District, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor John Winchester upon the occasion of his induction into the Warwick Valley Boys Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2016 by the Warwick Valley Central School District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Winchester.