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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Kaela Hilaire upon the occasion of becoming a member of the 2,000 point club, one of the most exclusive groups on Long Island

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Kaela Hilaire upon the occasion of becoming a member of the 2,000 point club, one of the most exclusive groups on Long Island; this remarkable athlete is the 22nd player in Long Island's basketball history to reach this elusive milestone; and

WHEREAS, Kaela Hilaire, a senior guard for the Floral Park High School Varsity Basketball Team, recorded her 2,029th career point in her team's 76-64 victory over Island Trees High School in a Nassau Class A Quarter-final game; and

WHEREAS, During the game, Kaela Hilaire led all scorers with 44 points; the highest scorer in Long Island, she averages 29.7 points per game, and 10 assists; and

WHEREAS, Committed to play at the State University of New York at Albany next year, Kaela Hilaire began playing basketball in seventh grade; throughout many years of dedicated practice, she is truly a triple threat, with the ability to shoot the three pointer, drive to the basket, and find her teammates with incredibly athletic passes; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by Kaela Hilaire is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Michael Spina, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Kaela Hilaire's performance throughout the season has been outstanding and she was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those young people who, by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this exemplary athlete now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by her coaches, teachers, and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Kaela Hilaire upon the occasion of becoming a member of the 2,000 point club, one of the most exclusive groups on Long Island; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kaela Hilaire.