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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the unveiling of the new bullpen and batting cage at the Christian Brothers Academy baseball field in honor of CBA Varsity baseball pitcher Jack Sheridan

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those outstanding student athletes among our midst who have inspired and brought great pride to their schools and communities throughout 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 hereby commemorate the unveiling of the new indoor baseball bullpen and batting cage at Christian Brothers Academy of Syracuse in the honor of CBA Varsity Baseball pitcher Jack Sheridan; and

WHEREAS, The unveiling will take place on May 15, 2016, during an official ceremony to dedicate CBA's renovated baseball field; and

WHEREAS, Jack Sheridan, a high school junior and standout baseball pitcher at Christian Brothers Academy, was diagnosed with leukemia in 2014; and

WHEREAS, While battling cancer, Jack Sheridan was granted a request from the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central New York, and Jack's selfless wish was for a renovated baseball field at Christian Brothers Academy; and

WHEREAS, In a unique partnership between the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Christian Brothers Academy family of graduates, parents and supporters, Jack Sheridan's wish was granted as part of CBA's overall baseball renovation project; and

WHEREAS, The upgrades that are being constructed in Jack Sheridan's honor include brand new dugouts, a state-of-the-art building with enhanced lighting to be used as a bullpen and batting cage, as well as a

new backstop; and

WHEREAS, Now in recovery, Jack Sheridan returned to the mound for the Christian Brothers Academy baseball home opener against Chittenango High School on April 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Even though he had not pitched a game in more than 600 days, Jack Sheridan had an impressive performance during the home opener, throwing his first pitch right down the middle for Strike One; and

WHEREAS, Jack Sheridan is a courageous young man, who has demonstrated great strength and faith in the face of cancer, while inspiring his friends and family and the many community members around him; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble strengths and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is hereby pleased to express its admiration for Jack Sheridan and to wish him the best in all of his future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the unveiling of the new indoor bullpen and batting cage at Christian Brothers Academy on May 15, 2016, in the honor of CBA Varsity Baseball pitcher Jack Sheridan; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jack Sheridan.