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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Le Roy Junior-Senior High School upon the occasion of its designation as Silver Medal Award Winning School according to the 2016 U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT High School rankings

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishment clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Le Roy Junior-Senior High School in Le Roy, New York, upon the occasion of its designation as Silver Medal Award Winning School according to the 2016 U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT High School rankings; and

WHEREAS, This honor is achieved by reviewing all of the public high schools in the Nation using four criteria; the first step is to sort out those schools that have performed better statistically in the state than average for the students in that state, the second step is to evaluate if the disadvantaged students in the district are performing better than average for similar students in the state, the third component, newly introduced this year, is how schools meet or surpass a basic benchmark for their graduation rate, and the fourth step is college-readiness performance; and

WHEREAS, The national data compiled evaluated 19,908 public high schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia; Le Roy Junior-Senior High School's ranking was in the top 10.9 percent of all high

schools in the United States; and

WHEREAS, In New York state, the Oatkan Knights ranked 180 out of 1,271 high schools and are among 225 schools which were awarded either gold or silver status; it is the first time since the rankings came out in 2007, that Le Roy Junior-Senior High School has been awarded a medal; and WHEREAS, Le Roy Junior-Senior High School has diligently worked to improve its graduation rate, which now hovers around 90 percent, and offers eight Advanced Placement courses and 22 college-level courses to its students; and

WHEREAS, The School has also strived to ensure its students believe in themselves by challenging them to be successful; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award is an honor for the students, faculty, staff, administrators, and Board of Education of the Le Roy Central School District; it is a reflection of the tremendous support the community provides for excellence in education; and

WHEREAS, Within the 21st Century, the Le Roy Junior-Senior High School stands prepared to reach out, in earnest and enthusiastic quest of its mission, to promote the maximum growth of every student, establishing standards and building skills which will carry its students and the citizens of its community into the future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Le Roy Junior-Senior High School upon the occasion of its designation as Silver Medal Award Winning School according to the 2016 U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT High School rankings, noting the significance of its accomplishment and recognizing the role such effective schools play in shaping the quality of life in their community, State and Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Le Roy Junior-Senior High School.