

**BY:** Senator LARKIN

**HONORING** Casey Lynn McKnight upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 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 Casey Lynn McKnight upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Scholarship Award by the Major General Irene Trowell-Harris Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS,** This momentous occasion will be celebrated at the 20th Annual Tuition Assistance Awards Gala, "Celebrating A Twenty Year Legacy of Mentoring Excellence" on Saturday, February 3, 2018, at Anthony's Pier 9, New Windsor, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** An exceptional student-athlete at Newburgh Free Academy, Casey Lynn McKnight is a member of the National Honor Society, the National Foreign Language Honor Society, and the Kitty Hawk Honor Society; she also serves as the Captain of her softball team; and

**WHEREAS,** Casey Lynn McKnight's passion is aviation; currently, she holds the position of Commander of both the 2017-2018 Red Tail Youth Flying Program class, and the Air Force Junior ROTC's Awareness Presentation Team where she speaks to groups of young people about the program; and

**WHEREAS,** After graduation, Casey Lynn McKnight plans on continuing her education studying aeronautical science with a minor in flight text and simulation at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout her high school career, Casey Lynn McKnight has displayed exceptional academic achievement, a strong sense of community responsibility, and a commitment to excellence which is unparalleled; and

**WHEREAS,** Casey Lynn McKnight, in achieving this academic honor, may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of excellence she brings to her family, friends, community and school; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Casey Lynn McKnight upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Scholarship Award by the Major General Irene Trowell-Harris Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., and to extend 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 Casey Lynn McKnight.