

BY: Senator LITTLE

CONGRATULATING Joseph Girard III upon the occasion of breaking the New York State all-time boys basketball scoring record, as well as becoming the first and only member of the 3,000 point club, one of high school basketball's most exclusive groups

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 Joseph Girard III upon the occasion of breaking the New York State all-time boys basketball scoring record, as well as becoming the first and only member of the 3,000 point club, one of high school basketball's most exclusive groups; and

WHEREAS, An exceptionally talented athlete at Glens Falls High School in Glens Falls, New York, Joseph Girard III broke the New York State scoring record on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, in an exciting 74-68 win over Amsterdam High School; and

WHEREAS, In front of a sold-out crowd, Glens Falls Indian Joseph Girard III went to the free throw line needing only one point to surpass the previous record; with less than two minutes to play, he sunk both baskets as his parents, Joe Girard, Jr. and Arleen Girard, and many fans and supporters proudly cheered and took his picture, capturing this historic moment; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by Joseph Girard III is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Rob Girard, and Athletic Director Chip Corlew, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Girard III's performance throughout the season has been outstanding and he has been 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 his

accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by his coaches, teachers, and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Joseph Girard III upon the occasion of breaking the New York State all-time boys basketball scoring record, as well as becoming the first and only member of the 3,000 point club, one of high school basketball's most exclusive groups; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph Girard III, Coach Rob Girard, and Athletic Director Chip Corlew.