

BY: Senator BONACIC

CONGRATULATING Erika Straub upon the occasion of becoming a member of the 1,000 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 Erika Straub upon the occasion of becoming a member of the 1,000 point club, one of high school basketball's most exclusive groups; and

WHEREAS, A senior guard on the S.S. Seward Institute's Girls Varsity Basketball Team in Florida, New York, Erika Straub, made her 1,000th point during a game on January 29, 2018; this remarkable athlete ended her high school basketball career with 1,120 points; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by Erika Straub is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Joe DiMattina, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Erika Straub's performance throughout the season has been outstanding and she 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 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 Erika Straub upon the occasion of becoming a member of the 1,000 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 Erika Straub and Coach Joe DiMattina.