

BY: Senator JACOBS

CONGRATULATING Madison Stewart upon the occasion of being named the 2018 All-Bee Softball Player of the Year

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding athletes who have distinguished themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Madison Stewart upon the occasion of being named the 2018 All-Bee Softball Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, A senior on the Orchard Park Varsity Softball Team, Madison Stewart has helped lead her team to a New York State Championship in 2015, state runners-up in 2016, sectionals in 2017, and the ECIC Division 1 title in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Madison Stewart started her softball career as a seventh grader on the modified team; she moved up to the JV team in eighth grade, and then to the varsity team the next season; and

WHEREAS, Madison Stewart was an All-Bee selection last year, and is a two-time All-Western New York honoree; this year, she stepped up her game and finished the season with a .351 batting average, 20 hits, 20 RBIs, two home runs and a .614 slugging percentage; she also dominated on the field, with a fielding percentage of .983, with just two errors; and

WHEREAS, A resourceful and kind young woman, Madison Stewart organized the softball program's inaugural Suicide Prevention Awareness Game against Williamsville North High School in early May of 2018; the event raised more than \$760 for the Mental Health Association of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, After graduating, Madison Stewart plans to play catcher for the Division I St. Bonaventure University; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such outstanding athletic accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all members of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Madison Stewart upon the occasion of being named the 2018 All-Bee Softball Player of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Madison Stewart.