

BY: Senator KENNEDY

CONGRATULATING Dominick Welch upon the occasion of setting a new Western New York Boys Basketball all-time scoring record

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in honoring talented high school athletes who distinguish themselves and their community through outstanding athletic performance; 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to congratulate Dominick Welch upon the occasion of setting a new Western New York Boys Basketball all-time scoring record; and

WHEREAS, A student at Cheektowaga Central High School, Dominick Welch is an exceptionally talented basketball player; throughout his five-year playing career, he scored 2,376 points; and

WHEREAS, During his junior year, Dominick Welch averaged 29.3 points per game, and during his senior year, he increased his average to 29.7 points and 12.4 rebounds per game; and

WHEREAS, On February 28, 2017, Dominick Welch broke the Western New York career scoring record of 2,355 with a layup in the third quarter against South Park High School; the previous record holder, was in the stands to witness Dominick break his record; and

WHEREAS, After sinking his milestone basket, the game was stopped and Dominick Welch's parents were brought onto the court to join him as he was presented with a commemorative ball for his outstanding achievement; and

WHEREAS, After the applause died down, the game continued and Dominick Welch scored 45 points in the final game of the season and his high school career; and

WHEREAS, In addition to breaking the Western New York scoring record, Dominick Welch was a member of the All-Western New York first team, and was one of seven finalists to be named Mr. Basketball of New York, an award given to the top senior in the state by the Basketball Coaches Association of New York; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Dominick Welch has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of his school; now,

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Dominick Welch upon the occasion of setting a new Western New York Boys Basketball all-time scoring record, and to commend him for the enduring honor he has brought to his family, his school and his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dominick Welch.