

**BY:** Senator JACOBS

**CONGRATULATING** pitcher Alexander Johnson upon the occasion of being drafted in the 36th round of the 2019 Major League Baseball Draft by the Cincinnati Reds

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those exemplary athletes who excel in professional athletics, distinguishing themselves through notable achievements and representing this great Empire State with pride and determination; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate pitcher Alexander Johnson upon the occasion of being drafted in the 36th round of the 2019 Major League Baseball Draft by the Cincinnati Reds; and

**WHEREAS,** A star pitcher for McKinley High School PS No. 305, Alexander Johnson is the first Buffalo Public Schools league player to be taken in the Major League Baseball amateur draft in 47 years; and

**WHEREAS,** Alexander Johnson has dreamed of playing in the big leagues since he first picked up a glove at the age of 12; today, this city kid throws a low 90s fastball, and consistently strikes out his opponents; and

**WHEREAS,** A gifted athlete, Alexander Johnson has become a role model in the sport of baseball; his character and achievements stand as a sterling example and inspiration to all who would aspire to success; and

**WHEREAS,** The athletic talent displayed by Alexander Johnson is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Dominic Massaro and Coach Charlie Karstedt, skilled and inspirational tutors respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** The auspicious occasion of his selection in the 36th round of the Major League Baseball Draft provides a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to honor Alexander Johnson for his extraordinary athletic accomplishments which are a tribute to his skill, dedication and commitment; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate pitcher Alexander Johnson upon the occasion of being drafted in the 36th round of the 2019 Major League Baseball Draft by the Cincinnati Reds; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alexander Johnson, Coach Dominic Massaro and Coach Charlie Karstedt.