

Senate Resolution No. 500

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the untimely death
of James J. Farina IV, standout golfer, talented
artist and beloved son, grandson and brother

WHEREAS, It is with feelings of deepest regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of James J. Farina IV, an extraordinary young man of indomitable faith and dedication whose short, yet purposeful life will long serve as a standard to which others might aspire; and

WHEREAS, A young man of boundless energy, James J. Farina IV of Somers, New York, died on Sunday, at the young age of 17; and

WHEREAS, James J. Farina IV was a talented golfer who earned his first varsity letter as an eighth-grader; this rising star competed in Junior Tournaments in the Met PGA and Hurricane Golf Tour events in Florida, and won both the Junior Club Championship and Parent/Child Championship at Mount Kisco Country Club several times; and

WHEREAS, When James J. Farina IV was not practicing his swing or hitting the links, he loved to build custom golf clubs and was a hardworking and popular caddy at both Mount Kisco and Alpine Country Clubs; and

WHEREAS, James J. Farina IV also had an active and vivid imagination and created spectacular and unique anime drawings and sculptures which were admired by many; and

WHEREAS, James J. Farina IV is survived by his parents, James and Eileen Farina; two sisters Grace and Claudia; his grandparents Peter and Celine Von Esch; four aunts, Melissa Farina, Kristina Von Esch (Robert), Kerry Von Esch, Erica Weathers (John); and eight cousins, Jack, Madeline, Bo, Sophia, Rosalie, Robert, Matthew, and Luke, as well as numerous friends who will long cherish his memory; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his 17 years, James J. Farina IV made many strong contributions to his community, serving as a role model for his peers; with his commitment to others, he truly represented the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; and

WHEREAS, James J. Farina IV, a young man of incredible spirit and enthusiasm, brought enduring honor to his family through his many achievements; his shining light and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love and hope for all who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing and dynamic young man; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the untimely death of James J. Farina IV, standout golfer, talented artist and beloved son, grandson and brother; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of James J. Farina IV.