

BY: Senator WALCZYK

CONGRATULATING Armante Ventiquattro of West
Leyden, New York, upon the occasion of capturing the
2023 Elks National Hoop Shoot Championship

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in honoring talented young 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Armante Ventiquattro of West Leyden, New York, upon the occasion of capturing the 2023 Elks National Hoop Shoot Championship; and

WHEREAS, The Elks National Free Throw Contest, the Elks Hoop Shoot, is the largest and most visible of the many youth activities sponsored by Elks lodges throughout the country; it is active in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and is open to boys and girls between the ages of eight and 13; and

WHEREAS, Armante "Bo" Ventiquattro, a student at Adirondack's West Leyden Elementary School, successfully scored 25 out of 25 shots to capture first place in the eight-nine-year-old age division at the Elks Hoop Shoot National Finals in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Representing Boonville Elks Lodge No. 2158, Armante Ventiquattro advanced through the local, district, state and region five rounds to reach the national finals; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his outstanding achievement, this esteemed young athlete's name will be inscribed on a plaque at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice; Armante Ventiquattro's dedication is a year-round, everyday commitment; he is highly focused and has developed a matchless work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Armante Ventiquattro's exemplary performance in the Elks Hoop Shoot program is reflective of his dedication, determination and personal commitment; his achievement stands as a hallmark of what is best in the families, schools and communities across New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

congratulate Armante Ventiquattro of West Leyden, New York, upon the occasion of capturing the 2023 Elks National Hoop Shoot Championship, and to wish him continued success throughout his school years and beyond; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Armante Ventiquattro.