Assembly Resolution No. 707

BY: M. of A. Friend

COMMENDING Kennedy Westbrook upon the occasion of receiving the 2023 Valley Principals' Award

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend rare athletic achievements and pay special recognition to those who pursue excellence and become examples for the youth of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Kennedy Westbrook upon the occasion of receiving the 2023 Valley Principal's Award, celebrated with a ceremony at Sayre Elks Lodge on Sunday, May 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition helps to enhance both the moral and physical development of young athletes, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the importance of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, The prestigious award, which has been around since 1982, is given out to a three-sport varsity athlete from Athens, Sayre, or Waverly, and includes the student athlete's sportsmanship and citizenship as well as her accolades on the field; and

WHEREAS, In soccer, Kennedy Westbrook was named to the All-State team as a senior; she finished her career with 50 goals and 29 assists, becoming the first-ever Lady Wolverine to score 50 goals in a four-year career; and

WHEREAS, On the basketball court, Kennedy Westbrook joined the 1,000-point club in her most recent season; she finished her career with 1,105 points, which is eighth in school history; and

WHEREAS, Her excellence on the track team contributed to her success in earning this esteemed award; as a high school junior, Kennedy Westbrook was a member of Waverly's 400-meter relay team that placed eighth at states; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy Westbrook, in tradition of excellence, dedication, and achievement, joins her aunt, former Athens standout athlete Jen Nichols, on the prestigious list of Valley Principals' Award winners; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy Westbrook will be heading to play soccer at Division I New Jersey Institute of Technology, and will undoubtedly enjoy the sparkling success which she has experienced thus far; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride, and accomplishment, and Kennedy Westbrook has clearly contributed to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of her school; now, therefore,

be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Kennedy Westbrook upon the occasion of receiving the 2023 Valley Principals' Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kennedy Westbrook.