

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring James Taft "Jimmer" Fredette upon the occasion of his outstanding collegiate basketball career and designation as recipient of multiple prestigious college basketball player of the year awards

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; 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 takes pleasure in honoring talented New York State college athletes who distinguish themselves, their school, and their community through outstanding athletic performance; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor James Taft "Jimmer" Fredette upon the occasion of his outstanding collegiate basketball career and designation as recipient of multiple prestigious college basketball player of the year awards; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Glens Falls, New York, James Taft "Jimmer" Fredette was nicknamed "Jimmer" by his mother Kay; tutored by his father, Al, Jimmer was able to hit three-point shots as the age of five and introduced to school yard basketball against adults at the age of eight; and

WHEREAS, In high school, Jimmer Fredette was ranked among the nation's top 75 shooting guards by ESPN.com; he is Section II and Glens Falls High School's all-time leading scorer, ranking sixth on New York's all-time scoring list, with 2,404 points and was named first-team all-state by the New York State Sportswriters Association and the TIMES UNION both as a junior and senior; in his senior season, he led his team to a 25-2 record and into the Class A State Championship game; and

WHEREAS, Recruited by 12 college basketball programs, Jimmer Fredette elected to attend Brigham Young University where he starred in basketball for all four of his varsity years; he set several university, conference and NCAA scoring records while a member of the BYU Cougars men's basketball team; and

WHEREAS, While starring at BYU, Jimmer Fredette became the Mountain West Conference's all time leading scorer; in his senior year, as Co-Captain of the Cougars, he led the nation in scoring, averaging over 28 points per game, and scored over 40 plus points in four games, including one 52 point performance; and

WHEREAS, Leading Brigham Young University to a 30-4 regular season record and to the number three seed in the NCAA tournament, Jimmer Fredette helped BYU advance to the third round of "Sweet Sixteen" in the national championship NCAA basketball tournament; this was the first time the Cougars had advanced that far in the tournament since 1981; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his outstanding college basketball skills and accomplishments, Jimmer Fredette became BYU's first player to win the prestigious Naismith Men's College Player of the Year Award, along with the Naismith Award he won the Chip Hilton Award from the National Association of Basketball Coaches for demonstrating character on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, In addition, during his senior year, Jimmer Fredette won the Oscar Robertson Trophy, Adolph Rupp Award and Associated Press Player of the Year Award; he was also named CBSSports.com National Player of the

Year, as well as the SPORTING NEWS' 2011 College Basketball Player of

the Year; and

WHEREAS, Nominated as one of 10 players in the nation for the John R. Wooden Award All-American men's team, Jimmer Fredette captured the Award as college basketball's player of the year; he accepted the 35th annual trophy from Jim Wooden, son of the late UCLA coaching great, during a ceremony at the Los Angeles Athletic Club; he is the first BYU player since Danny Ainge in 1981 to both win this trophy and be on the ASSOCIATED PRESS All-American team; and

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

WHEREAS, Jimmer Fredette's exemplary performance is reflective of his dedication, determination and personal commitment; his achievements stand as a hallmark of what is best in our families, schools, universities, and communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor James Taft "Jimmer" Fredette upon the occasion of his outstanding collegiate basketball career and designation as recipient of multiple prestigious college basketball player of the year awards, and to commend him for the enduring honor he has brought to his family, his college and his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Taft "Jimmer" Fredette.