

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Brenden O'Flaherty upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Class A Scholar Athlete of the Year Award by the New York State High School Football Coaches Association

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, to honor the achievements of its young citizens and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and accomplishments exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Brenden O'Flaherty upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Class A Scholar Athlete of the Year Award by the New York State High School Football Coaches Association to be celebrated at an Awards Dinner on Friday, February 5, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Academically and athletically, Brenden O'Flaherty has distinguished himself as a young man of superlative ability, talent, and maturity, establishing standards of excellence and achievement, purposefulness of life, and responsibility rarely achieved in youthful years; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Cornwall High School, this esteemed young man has made significant contributions to his team as wide receiver and free safety on the Cornwall Green Dragons Football Team during the 2015 season; in addition, he helped lead his team to its fifth consecutive Section 9 Class A Title, while making third-team All-State with 52 catches for 909 yards and 10 touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, Scholastically, Brenden O'Flaherty holds a 99.2 weighted grade point average and ranks third in his class of 277 students at Cornwall High School; he also tutors chemistry, biology, and SAT prep courses and volunteers in his community; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding role model for his classmates, Brenden has brought honor to his family, school, and community; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable Student Athlete may stand with pride in his achievements, experiencing the satisfaction of his labors and the joy of his accomplishments, eager to face the challenge of new experiences in his future; and

WHEREAS, Brenden O'Flaherty's hard work and determination represents the potential inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; this Legislative Body is pleased to honor this young man, recognizing his achievements and the promise of his future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Brenden O'Flaherty upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Class A Scholar Athlete of the Year Award by the New York State High School Football Coaches Association, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brenden O'Flaherty.