

BY: Senator TEDISCO

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kevin Huerter for
his contributions that propelled the Atlanta Hawks
to the 2021 NBA Eastern Conference Finals

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding athletes who have distinguished themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement and team goals; 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kevin Huerter of Clifton Park, New York for his contributions that propelled the Atlanta Hawks to the 2021 NBA Eastern Conference Finals; and

WHEREAS, Following his collegiate career at the University of Maryland, Kevin Huerter was selected in the first round with the nineteenth overall pick by the Atlanta Hawks in the NBA draft on June 21, 2018, and has started 156 of his 200 games in three seasons with the Hawks; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Shenendehowa High School, and 2016 "Mr. Basketball" and Gatorade Player of the Year in New York State, Kevin Huerter clearly made his mark on the 2021 NBA post season averaging 11 points, four rebounds and three assists in 18 playoff games; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Huerter's efforts in the first two rounds of the 2021 NBA playoff were instrumental in the Atlanta Hawks' 4-1 first-round series win over the New York Knicks, and 4-3 series victory over the Eastern Conference top-seeded Philadelphia 76ers in round two; and

WHEREAS, In Game 7 of the 2021 Eastern Conference Semi-Finals against the Philadelphia 76ers, Kevin Huerter scored a playoff career-high 27 points, to lead the Hawks to their first Eastern Conference Finals appearance since 2015; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Huerter's performance during the 2021 NBA playoffs and preceding three seasons in the league has earned the confidence of the Atlanta Hawks Organization, which rewarded him with a well-deserved, four-year rookie contract extension; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Kevin Huerter for his contributions that propelled the Atlanta Hawks to the 2021 NBA Eastern Conference Finals; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kevin Huerter.