Senate Resolution No. 1517

BY: Senator STEC

CONGRATULATING Ian VanWagner upon the occasion of breaking the Section X Basketball all-time scoring record

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor outstanding athletic achievements which bring distinction to local communities and serve as an inspiration to young people throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, Ian VanWagner, a junior at Potsdam Central School, has distinguished himself through extraordinary dedication, talent, and perseverance by breaking the Section X Basketball all-time scoring record; and

WHEREAS, On Friday, January 23, 2026, Ian VanWagner recorded a remarkable performance, scoring 42 points in a victory over Brushton-Moira, thereby surpassing the longstanding Section X scoring record of 2,605 career points, a mark that had stood for nearly three decades; and

WHEREAS, With this achievement, Ian VanWagner reached a career total of 2,606 points, placing him atop the Section X basketball scoring list and among the most prolific scorers in New York State high school basketball history; and

WHEREAS, Already the all-time leading scorer in Potsdam Central School history, Ian VanWagner has consistently elevated his team and program through exceptional work ethic, leadership, and commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, Ian VanWagner's basketball journey reflects years of disciplined preparation, beginning at a very young age and continuing through his participation in competitive youth leagues, regional and national AAU programs, and varsity competition beginning in seventh grade, a rare and noteworthy accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to the sport has been matched by his growth as a leader and complete player, excelling as both a point guard and shooting guard, contributing on both ends of the court, and earning the respect of teammates, coaches, and opponents alike; and

WHEREAS, Ian VanWagner has played a pivotal role in advancing the success of the Potsdam Central basketball program, including contributing to a Sectional Championship victory and maintaining a team-first approach throughout his historic career; and

WHEREAS, The achievements of Ian VanWagner reflect great credit upon himself, his family, his coaches, Potsdam Central School, and the greater North Country community; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this Legislative Body pause to acknowledge a young athlete whose accomplishments exemplify determination, sportsmanship, and excellence, and whose legacy will long be remembered in Section X basketball history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Ian VanWagner upon the occasion of breaking the Section X Basketball all-time scoring record, and to commend him for his outstanding athletic achievement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ian VanWagner.