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COMMENDING Class of 2025 Valedictorian Lily Cook of Mount St. Mary Academy, in recognition of her outstanding accomplishments

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Class of 2025 Valedictorian Lily Cook of Mount St. Mary Academy, in recognition of her outstanding accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Valedictorian Lily Cook represents the best of developed potential inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; her achievements have brought enduring honor to her family and community and should be recognized and saluted; and

WHEREAS, Graduating with outstanding honors, Valedictorian Lily Cook was named a commended student in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her stellar academic achievements, Valedictorian Lily Cook was a dedicated student-athlete, serving as captain of the Mount St. Mary Thunder Varsity Soccer Team and named MVP for the 2024 season; and

WHEREAS, Valedictorian Lily Cook engrossed herself in extracurricular activities and community involvement at Mount St. Mary Academy, having served as senior class president on the Student Council, vice president of her school's chapter of the National Honor Society, and president of the St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute Swing Choir Band; and

WHEREAS, Volunteering was an important part of Valedictorian Lily Cook's high school career, and her volunteer efforts earned her the Town of Tonawanda Outstanding Youth Award in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Valedictorian Lily Cook intends on continuing her academic journey by studying mechanical engineering; and

WHEREAS, As Valedictorian Lily Cook takes leave of Mount St. Mary Academy, she bestows a legacy of academic achievement, school involvement and community service to which others may aspire; and

WHEREAS, Valedictorian Lily Cook may now stand with pride as she assesses her achievements, experiences the satisfaction of her labor, and feels the joy of her accomplishments, eager to face the new experiences of a challenging world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Class of 2025 Valedictorian Lily Cook of Mount St. Mary Academy, in recognition of her outstanding accomplishments; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Valedictorian Lily Cook.