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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring UAlbany student-athlete Drew Smith upon the occasion of participating in the USA Freedom Bowl

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 recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the State of New York who, by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought pride to their school and community; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor UAlbany student-athlete Drew Smith upon the occasion of participating in the USA Freedom Bowl on January 21, 2013, in Virginia Beach, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Athletes designated to play in the USA Freedom Bowl will have a final collegiate chance to further their efforts to demonstrate their skills for professional scouts and agents that could lead to the next level of competition; and

WHEREAS, A tailback and senior at the University at Albany, Drew Smith finished his career as the program's all-time leader for touchdowns with 45 scored, and co-leader for all-time rushing touchdowns by acquiring 40; he accrued 3,196 career rushing yards and 4,721 all-purpose yards, both good for second all-time; and

WHEREAS, Majoring in information science with a minor in business administration, Drew Smith earned First Team All-Northeast Conference honors in 2012; he led the conference and ranked fourth at the FCS level for scoring at 11.40; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Guilderland High School, Drew Smith was a high school consensus First-Team All-Area choice, and was also named Offensive Player of the Year by the DAILY GAZETTE; in addition, he was named the Empire Division Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his parents, Arel and Merline, and his sister, Taryne, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his

life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Drew Smith's overall record is outstanding; he was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Drew Smith has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of his school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor UAlbany student-athlete Drew Smith upon the occasion of participating in the USA Freedom Bowl; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Drew Smith.