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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Thomas Blumenfeld of Albany, New York, upon the occasion of capturing the 2013 National Silver Gloves Championship

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in honoring talented high school athletes who distinguish themselves and their community through outstanding athletic performance; 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, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor Thomas Blumenfeld of Albany, New York, upon the occasion of capturing the 2013 National Silver Gloves Championship; and

WHEREAS, An honor roll student who trains at the City of Albany boxing program, Thomas Blumenfeld is a 15 year old ninth grader at Green Tech Charter High School in Albany, New York; he first joined a boxing program at the age of eight; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Blumenfeld captured the 2013 National Silver Gloves Championship in the 90-pound division by defeating Dylan Price by a 5-0 shutout in the finals held at Independence, Missouri; this outstanding victory established him as the number one nationally ranked boxer in the 14 and 15 year old age group in the 90-pound weight class; in the semi-final match he also defeated by a shutout, last year's champion; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Thomas Blumenfeld was the runner-up in the National Golden Gloves competition, as well as the runner-up in the Silver Gloves competition; in addition, he was the 2012 Elite Heat National Champion and the 2012 Independent Golden Gloves Champion; and

WHEREAS, The goal of Thomas Blumenfeld is to represent the United States as a member of the 2016 Olympic boxing team; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Blumenfeld's strongest asset is his love of the sport, drive and desire to learn; he listens, asks questions and sticks with

the plan; he is an excellent role model for others in the City of Albany boxing program; and

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice; Thomas Blumenfeld's dedication to boxing is a year-round, everyday commitment; he is highly focused and has developed a matchless work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Blumenfeld's exemplary performance in boxing is reflective of his dedication, determination and personal commitment; his achievements stand as a hallmark of what is best in the families, schools and communities across New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Thomas Blumenfeld of Albany, New York, upon the occasion of capturing the 2013 National Silver Gloves Championship, and to commend him for the enduring honor he has brought to his family, school and community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas Blumenfeld.