STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
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Honoring and Recognizing Clara Strack on Becoming Hamburg High School Basketball All-Time Scoring Leader

WHEREAS, ***Clara Strack,*** the 6'3" center/forward and senior basketball star at Hamburg High School is representing Western New York with yet another milestone accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, on the night of January 12, 2023, inside of a jam-packed at Hamburg High School, senior Clara Strack answered the question on how long it would take for a Bulldog to surpass Adam Zoeller's career points record of 1,383 – 22 years; and

WHEREAS, on the first possession of the game against West Seneca East, not even being triple-teamed would stop Clara from going baseline and finishing her layup to establish herself as Hamburg's all-time scorer; and

WHEREAS, Clara has already committed and signed her Division 1 scholarship to play collegiate basketball at Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, she had offers from Georgia Tech, Ohio State, Virginia, Indiana and Wake Forest, among others; and

WHEREAS, Strack is believed to be the first Hamburg girls basketball player to go Division I in at least 30 years; and

WHEREAS, during her press conference to announce her choice to play for the Virginia Tech Hokies, Strack was emotional because she has accomplished a dream she set as a freshman and is about to join the 1.3% of female high school basketball players to make Division 1; and

WHEREAS, this year, Clara received a well-deserved distinction of being nominated a McDonald's All-American; and

WHEREAS, Clara was recently on ESPNU as her team competed in the Nike EYBL 17U championship game in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Clara was named to the All-Western New York large schools first team last season and the Class A all-state first team after finishing second in Section VI in points (26.5) and first in rebounds (16.9); and

WHEREAS, as a result of her leadership and determination to improve, Clara has led the Bulldogs to three consecutive A-1 sectional titles; and

WHEREAS, in addition to impressive statistics, Strack has shown the passing skills, incredible footwork and basketball IQ that make her an elite player; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body takes delight in acknowledging and recognizing individuals like Clara who enhance, represent, and change by way of action in devoting her time in becoming a phenomenal student-athlete and representing the Western New York community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that with the utmost respect and admiration, the Erie County Legislature recognizes and congratulates ***Clara Strack*** on her achievements, both on and off the court, which include her nomination as a McDonald's All-American and becoming the All-Time Leading Scorer at Hamburg High School, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations and praise to Clara on representing Western New York and best wishes on a safe and healthy season as well as a blessed collegiate basketball career at the Virginia Tech.

Hon. John J. Gilmour
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