

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
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*Congratulating Brenton Baker
Setting State Sophomore High Jump Mark*

WHEREAS, only about six weeks into his career as a track and field athlete, Sweet Home's **Brenton Baker** is already a record-breaker in the high jump; and

WHEREAS, earlier this school year, Sweet Home Track and Field Coach Tomarris Bell noticed Panthers sophomore Brenton Baker dunking in the gym and approached Bell about joining the indoor track and field team; and

WHEREAS, last month, Brenton cleared 6-foot-8-inches mark at the Section VI track and field varsity select meet at Houghton College, which broke a Sweet Home record set in 1992 by James Garnham and tied the state record for high jump by a sophomore; and

WHEREAS, Brenton is among 18 athletes in the nation to have cleared 6'8" or better this season, according to Athletic.net, and the only sophomore on the list; and

WHEREAS, his coaches and teammates characterize Brenton as a down-to-earth guy who loves to work hard and always brings so much energy and fun to the sport; and

WHEREAS, in his short time as a track and field team member, Brenton has shown dedication and displayed good sportsmanship, exceptional athletic ability, and it is the desire of this Honorable Body to recognize dynamic young people who exude such traits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body congratulates **Brenton Baker** on matching the state record for high jump by a sophomore and commends Brenton's family and the Sweet Home High School Track and Field program for their outstanding efforts in preparing Brenton for this phenomenal accomplishment and wishes him the very best for future success as a track and field athlete.

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