

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AARON PETTIFORD
AS THE 2015 RECIPIENT OF THE
UCAN INSPIRE AWARD BY THE
WALTER CAMP FOOTBALL FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, Aaron Pettiford is the 2015 Recipient of the UCAN Inspire Award by the Walter Camp Football Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Pettiford, a Westhill High School senior and running back, who plays basketball and football for Westhill High despite suffering from a serious kidney condition, was recognized for his grit in the face of adversity, started in eight of his team's nine games last season, and is on the waiting list for a kidney transplant at Yale-New Haven Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Pettiford is already one of the top running backs in the FCIAC this season, providing a high offensive spark to the Vikings; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Pettiford has promised himself "From here on out, I will put 100 percent in everything I do and not let this illness get the best of me, even though I need to have a kidney transplant," and his mother Tamara Pottter said "Aaron is always positive and always in good spirits"; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Pettiford's Westhill High football coach Frank Marcucio said "He is upbeat and has always been; Aaron doesn't use it as an excuse or a crutch, he is out here working very hard and you wouldn't know he was sick."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 29th Board of Representatives extends its congratulations to Aaron Pettiford on receiving the 2015 UCAN Inspire Award by the Water Camp Football Foundation and wishes him the best of good luck and health.

*Approved by the 29th Board of Representatives
This 7th day of March, 2016*

Randall M. Skigen, President

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk