

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Rachael Murray upon the occasion of being selected as the Upstate New York Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's 2013 Girl of the Year

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those outstanding individuals whose personal triumphs and extraordinary spirit and determination are an inspiration to others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Rachael Murray upon the occasion of being selected as the Upstate New York Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's 2013 Girl of the Year; and

WHEREAS, The individual selected as the Girl of the Year is chosen by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for her strength and courage while battling leukemia; she serves as an example for thousands of children across the United States who are winning the war against blood cancer; and

WHEREAS, Rachael Murray is a vibrant, enthusiastic, fun-loving senior at Tamarac High School; she enjoys diving, snowboarding, hanging out with friends, shopping, music, especially The Dave Matthews Band, and driving her Honda CR-V; and

WHEREAS, In August of 2012, Rachael Murray was diagnosed with Stage 2A+ Hodgkin's Lymphoma; throughout the many tests, treatments and procedures, this extraordinary young woman's courage, positive attitude and bravery never wavered; and

WHEREAS, Rachael Murray faced cancer head on and did not let it define her; each day, she is gaining more and more energy and stamina, and has been able to return to school, diving and snowboarding; and

WHEREAS, Rachael Murray, in her role as the 2013 Girl of the Year, serves as an inspiration for local Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Man and Woman of the Year candidates to raise awareness and monetary contributions with the hope to find a cure for all blood cancers; and

WHEREAS, Because of her strength and the sacrifices of her family, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is one step closer to achieving its goal to find a cure for blood cancer so that children like Rachael Murray do not suffer the injustice of blood cancer in years to come; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such enduring courage and bravery are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Rachael Murray upon the occasion of being selected as the Upstate New York Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's 2013 Girl of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rachael Murray.