

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Rachael Gray upon the occasion of being honored at the Capital District YMCA's 16th Annual Student and Educator Awards Breakfast on April 30, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Rachael Gray upon the occasion of being honored at the Capital District YMCA's 16th Annual Student and Educator Awards Breakfast on Tuesday, April 30, 2013, at the Appel Inn, Guilderland, New York; and

WHEREAS, This honor recognizes high school students and educators from Guilderland, Voorheesville, Berne-Knox-Westerlo, Bethlehem, and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High Schools; 15 students and 3 educators are selected as overall winners for their dedication to service in their schools, community, and local YMCA; and

WHEREAS, Rachael Gray is a junior at Bethlehem High School; this exceptional young woman plays the piano and the guitar and is very dedicated in giving back to both her school and her community; and

WHEREAS, She is a very active student inside and outside of school; she volunteers in a Learn to Skate Program for the Albany Figure Skating Club and, in addition, has volunteered at Habitat for Humanity, and as a Youth Teachers Assistant at the Smithsonian summer camp in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, This past summer Rachael Gray participated in the community service project SOUL Surfers Program at a California YMCA Camp; and

WHEREAS, With her sense of civic duty and her commitment to others, Rachael Gray represents the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments 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 commend Rachael Gray upon the occasion of being honored at the Capital District YMCA's 16th Annual Student and Educator Awards Breakfast; and be it further

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