

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Melanie Schmitt, upon the occasion of being selected 2013 Salutatorian of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School in recognition of her outstanding accomplishment

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor the youth of today -- the leaders of tomorrow -- whose character and achievements exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize and commend Melanie Schmitt, upon the occasion of being selected the 2013 Salutatorian of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, Ravena, New York, in recognition of her outstanding academic performance and exemplary achievement; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Schmitt is the loving daughter of Michael Schmitt and Gina and Scott Andrews, and the proud sister of John and Stephanie; and

WHEREAS, An avid volunteer, Melanie Schmitt assists Religious Education classes, Youth Group, and the Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) at St. Patrick's Church in Ravena, New York; she is a youth member of the parish council, and has participated in several parish fundraising events; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Schmitt, actively involved in her school, is a member of the soccer and bowling teams, and has been named to All-Star Teams for both; she is a member and co-president of the National Honor Society, plays clarinet and saxophone, and has been involved in the music program since fifth grade; and

WHEREAS, This exemplary young woman has excelled in her academics, taking several advanced placement and University in the High School (UHS) courses; she received the Presidential Scholarship, and will attend SUNY Oneonta in the Fall where she will major in Adolescent Education and Mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Schmitt may now stand with pride as she assesses her achievements, experiences the satisfaction of her labors and the joy of her accomplishments, eager to face the new experiences of a challenging world; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional student of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School represents the potential inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; her achievements have brought enduring honor to her family and community and should be recognized and saluted; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend students of outstanding character who have shown initiative and a commitment to constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and act as role models of leadership to be emulated by their peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Melanie Schmitt, upon the occasion of being selected the 2013 Salutatorian of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, in recognition of her outstanding accomplishment, and to extend to her best wishes for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Melanie Schmitt.