

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Caroline Pennacchio, of Briarcliff Manor, New York, upon the occasion of her designation as a Distinguished Finalist in the 19th Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and nation; and

WHEREAS, Caroline Pennacchio has distinguished herself as a young woman of superlative ability, establishing a high standard of community service, purposefulness of life, and sense of responsibility rarely achieved in youthful years; and

WHEREAS, Caroline Pennacchio, 15, of Briarcliff Manor, New York, and a sophomore at Briarcliff High School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by being named a 2014 Prudential Spirit of Community Distinguished Finalist; and

WHEREAS, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, created in 1995 by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), are designed to emphasize the importance our nation places on service to others, and to encourage all young Americans to contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, As a Distinguished Finalist, Caroline Pennacchio will receive an engraved bronze medallion; and

WHEREAS, Caroline Pennacchio organized two book donation programs, "Twice Loved Books" and "Donate a Book in Honor of Your Graduate," that yielded hundreds of books to expand the collection at her local library; she also organized two used book sales which raised more than \$9,000 to support the library as well as provided hundreds of books to local charities; and

WHEREAS, The success of the State of New York, the strength of our communities, and the vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Caroline Pennacchio, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Caroline Pennacchio, commending her for her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community service, and recognizing the value of her labors and the promise of her future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations, with praise and pride, to commend Caroline Pennacchio for her achievements and to extend to her the best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being, fully confident of her response to the challenges of a promising future and appreciative of the model she represents for all young people of the Empire State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Caroline Pennacchio.