

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Steven Trezza, of West Hempstead, New York, upon the occasion of his designation as a Distinguished Finalist in the 18th 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, Steven Trezza has distinguished himself as a young man of superlative ability, establishing a high standard of community service, purposefulness of life, and sense of responsibility rarely achieved in youthful years; and

WHEREAS, Steven Trezza, 17, of West Hempstead, New York, and a senior at West Hempstead High School in West Hempstead, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by being named a 2013 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, Steven Trezza will receive an engraved bronze medallion; and

WHEREAS, Steven Trezza created the West Hempstead Storm Drain Project to increase awareness about how storm water runoff hurts local waterways; an avid volunteer with Operation S.P.L.A.S.H. (Stop Polluting Littering and Save Harbors), he created a website, conducted public presentations, and recruited 75 volunteers to help place more than 900 medallions on storm drains throughout West Hempstead which warn people: "No Dumping -- Drains to Bay"; 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 Steven Trezza, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations, with praise and pride, to commend Steven Trezza for his achievements and to extend to him the best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being, fully confident of his response to the challenges of a promising future and appreciative of the model he 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 Steven Trezza.