

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Jennah Ferrari upon the occasion of her designation as a Distinguished Finalist in the 18th Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those youth of today, the leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this Empire 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 congratulate Jennah Ferrari of East Syracuse, New York, upon the occasion of her designation as a Distinguished Finalist in the 18th Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards; and

WHEREAS, Created in 1995 by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards are designed to emphasize the importance of service to others, and to encourage all young Americans to contribute to the well-being of their communities; and

WHEREAS, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program recognizes young people across the United States for outstanding volunteer activities; more than 100,000 volunteers have been honored at the local, state and national level since the program's beginning; and

WHEREAS, Jennah Ferrari was named a Top Youth Volunteer in New York State for 2013 in the 18th Prudential Spirit of Community Awards based on her commitment to service, personal initiative, effort, impact and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, A sixth-grader at Pine Grove Middle School, Jennah Ferrari organized and led a penny drive called "Pennies for Patients" that raised a significant amount for cancer research; she brought together more than 375 students to collect loose change for the important cause; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her fundraising efforts, Jennah Ferrari has regularly volunteered in her school library by monitoring the desk and by helping students find materials and resolve computer problems; she has even traveled to Albany to advocate for library funding, demonstrating her strong leadership skills and determination; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those outstanding individuals within our communities whose volunteerism serves as inspiration to their friends, family and peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize and to congratulate Jennah Ferrari upon the occasion of her designation as a Distinguished Finalist in the 18th Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, and to extend our wishes to her for a purposeful and promising future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jennah Ferrari.