

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Stephen R. Reilly upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Sister Gail Rieth Volunteer Award by Circles of Mercy on June 8, 2016

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Stephen R. Reilly has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Stephen R. Reilly upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Sister Gail Rieth Volunteer Award by Circles of Mercy, to be celebrated at its Annual Signature Fundraising Gala, "A Taste of Mercy," on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at Shaker Ridge Country Club, Loudonville, New York; and

WHEREAS, The theme for this year's event is "Continuing the Mercy Tradition"; and

WHEREAS, Circles of Mercy, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy Northeast Community, is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the community by working to end the cycle of poverty, especially among women and women with children; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization honors the dignity of each person by offering hospitality and providing services, compassion, stewardship, leadership and collaboration, which is performed in an effort to instill hope and empower individuals to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, An exceptional student at Columbia High School, Stephen R. Reilly holds a cumulative GPA of 92.78, achieved high Academic Honors every quarter, was named to the Principal's List in February of 2014, and is a member of National Honor Society and the Math League; and

WHEREAS, For his incredible academic achievements and outstanding leadership, Stephen R. Reilly has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the 2015 University of Rochester - George Eastman Young Leaders Award, the 2015 United States Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award, and the 2015 Harvard University Book Award; he was also recognized as a Scholar-Athlete and received a Superintendent's Letter of Dedication and Appreciation; and

WHEREAS, Since he was a freshman, Stephen R. Reilly has played on the School's Lacrosse Team, where he served as co-Captain during his senior year; dedicated to improving his skills, he attended the Siena College Lacrosse Camp during the summers of 2011, 2012, and 2013, as well as the United States Military Academy at West Point Lacrosse Camp in the summer of 2014; and

WHEREAS, Well-liked by his fellow students, Stephen R. Reilly has held numerous leadership positions throughout his high school career such as Executive President of Student Council, Executive Vice President of Student Council, Sophomore Class President, and Freshman Class President; and

WHEREAS, Stephen R. Reilly has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his school and community, Stephen R. Reilly was chosen as the delegate for the Peer Leadership Conference, the Suburban Council Leadership Conference, and Boys State, a summer leadership and citizenship program; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Stephen R. Reilly has graciously worked for numerous worthy organizations including Circles of Mercy - Catherine's Closet, USS Slater Restoration Program, and Ronald McDonald House Charities,

where he served as Team Leader and co-President of the Teen Ambassadors;

and

WHEREAS, This remarkable young man has helped raise funds for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Breast Cancer Awareness and Juvenile Diabetes, and collected toys for St. Margaret's Center; he also served as a Guardian on a Patriot Flight to Washington, D.C. on May 28, 2016; and

WHEREAS, When he is not at school or helping someone, Stephen R. Reilly enjoys staying active and maintaining his fitness by swimming and snowboarding; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Stephen R. Reilly has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Stephen R. Reilly has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 honor Stephen R. Reilly upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Sister Gail Rieth Volunteer Award by Circles of Mercy on June 8, 2016, and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Stephen R. Reilly.