

BY: Senator BONACIC

CONGRATULATING Jacqueline Grundfast upon the occasion of being named among The Mars Generation's 24 Under 24 Leaders and Innovators in STEAM and Space

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Jacqueline Grundfast upon the occasion of being named among The Mars Generation's 24 Under 24 Leaders and Innovators in STEAM and Space; and

WHEREAS, The Mars Generation (TMG) is a volunteer-driven nonprofit organization which aims to excite and educate students and adults about the importance of human space exploration and STEAM education to the future of humankind; and

WHEREAS, With an advisory board that includes astronauts, engineers, scientists and professionals, TMG has served more than 10,200 students and adults from around the world through programs such as its Student Space Ambassador Program, Future of Space Outreach Program and Space Camp Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Warwick Valley High School, Jacqueline Grundfast was one of 24 students, ages 13-24, recognized with this auspicious award, including 13 young scientists from the United States, three from Canada and one each from Australia, Brazil, Kosovo, Nigeria, Thailand, Turkey and Uruguay; and

WHEREAS, With a true love of space, Jacqueline Grundfast works tirelessly to inspire her community to do the same; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary young woman established the Warwick Valley Central School District Astronomy Club, and she can also be found judging STEAM Fairs in her district as well as teaching and mentoring young students in their research and science studies; this work inspired her to secure funding from her school district to build a robotic telescope for her community, promoting night sky exploration; and

WHEREAS, In addition to doing a tremendous amount of outreach for her community, Jacqueline Grundfast is a remarkable high school student and a member of numerous national scholar societies; and

WHEREAS, This occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to wish Jacqueline Grundfast continued success throughout her school years and beyond; and

WHEREAS, With her sense of civic duty and her commitment to others, Jacqueline Grundfast represents the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Jacqueline Grundfast upon the occasion of being named among The Mars Generation's 24 Under 24 Leaders and Innovators in STEAM and Space; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jacqueline Grundfast.