

BY: Senator BONACIC

COMMENDING Truth Muller upon the occasion of his designation as a Distinguished Finalist in the 22nd 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, Truth Muller 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, 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, Truth Muller, an esteemed resident of Rock Hill, New York, and a home-schooled senior, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Truth Muller earned this award by conducting a one-person campaign to raise awareness of the environmental importance of bats; since 2011, this remarkable young man has reached an estimated three million people through public presentations, event booths, social media and features in various publications; and

WHEREAS, Truth Muller was moved to speak out when he learned that most of New York's bats, including the local ones which mesmerized him as a child, were wiped out by white-nose syndrome in 2007; 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 Truth Muller, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Truth Muller, commending him for his outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community service, 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 Truth Muller for his achievements and to extend to him the best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Truth Muller.