

BY: Senator MARCHIONE

COMMENDING Jaina Davis upon the occasion of being named a 2017 Winning Kid by the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York at its 29th Annual Confections in Chocolate Gala

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those young people who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Jaina Davis upon the occasion of being named a 2017 Winning Kid by the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York at its 29th Annual Confections in Chocolate Gala to be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017, at Glen Sanders Mansion; and

WHEREAS, The theme of this year's gala is "A Gallery of Hope" and pays tribute to the talented Studio e artists and Flame of Hope recipient Lundbeck, who funds Studio e; and

WHEREAS, The Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York works diligently to ensure that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences and to prevent, control and cure epilepsy through services, education, advocacy and research; and

WHEREAS, Epilepsy affects two percent of the population, and approximately one in 50 children; and

WHEREAS, Each year the Epilepsy Foundation selects children to represent all children with epilepsy in Northeastern New York; "Winning Kids" symbolizes the spirit and courage that all children with epilepsy display in dealing with their seizures; Jaina Davis was chosen because despite her new diagnosis, she is happy and remains a wonderful child who has not let her condition get her down; and

WHEREAS, Seven year-old Jaina Davis is the loving daughter of Michele Hill-Davis and Ulysses Davis, Jr., and the cherished little sister of Justin Davis and Jasmine Hill-Davis; and

WHEREAS, Jaina Davis is a second grade student at Dorothy Nolan Elementary School; her favorite subject is math and she enjoys reading, playing outside and loves to eat; and

WHEREAS, As residents of Northeastern New York face the physical, emotional and social uncertainties of epilepsy every day, the Epilepsy Foundation is there to help them become happy, self-confident, productive adults, by offering them, as well as their friends, families and caregivers, a variety of programs; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding role model, Jaina Davis has brought honor to her family, school and community, and may stand with pride in her accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize Jaina Davis as a Winning Kid, and to wish her well in all her future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Jaina Davis upon the occasion of being named a 2017 Winning Kid by the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York at its 29th Annual Confections in Chocolate Gala; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jaina Davis.