

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING McKenzie Koch upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Student Leadership Award by The Capital Zone chapter of the New York State Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYS AHPERD)

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor the young adults of today and leaders of tomorrow whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great 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 honor McKenzie Koch upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Student Leadership Award by The Capital Zone chapter of the New York State Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYS AHPERD) on Sunday, February 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The auspicious Student Leadership Award is given to one young man and woman from each district's current year's graduating class who meets the criteria for achievement in high levels of physical performance, scholastic achievement, exceptional leadership qualities or outstanding service to the school or community; and

WHEREAS, A student at Bethlehem High School, McKenzie Koch is the President of Key Club, was a member of the Principal's Advisory Committee and has participated in numerous plays including **Oliver**, Shakespeare's **The Tempest** and **Damn Yankees**; and

WHEREAS, McKenzie Koch has been a dance instructor of tap, jazz, ballet and hip hop at the Dance Experience for the past two years and was a mentor coach at the Albany Recreational Lacrosse Camp; and

WHEREAS, With a strong commitment to her community, McKenzie Koch has volunteered as a math tutor, she also volunteered at the Pine Hollow Arboretum and Vacation Bible School, for which she received the Service Recognition Award; she was also a HOBY Community Leadership Workshop Nominee; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the Service Recognition Award and the Student Leadership Award, McKenzie Koch ranked 6th in the Nation on the Grand Concours de Francais exam; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her high school career, McKenzie Koch has displayed exceptional academic achievement, a strong sense of community responsibility, and a commitment to excellence which are unparalleled; and

WHEREAS, McKenzie Koch, in achieving this academic honor, may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of

excellence she brings to her family, friends, community and school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor McKenzie Koch upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Student Leadership Award by The Capital Zone chapter of the New York State Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYS AHPERD), and to extend best wishes 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 McKenzie Koch.