

BY: Senator JACOBS

HONORING Emily Pawelski upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Independent Sector Student Community Service Award by the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities on March 6, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 honor Emily Pawelski upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Independent Sector Student Community Service Award by the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities at its Annual Meeting Reception on Monday, March 6, 2017, at the Cornerstone Restaurant in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, A junior at Hilbert College studying accounting, Emily Pawelski is a perfect example of the next generation of leaders and agents of change; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional young woman received this auspicious award for her remarkable leadership and steadfast and unrelenting commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, For the past seven years, Emily Pawelski, who tragically lost her sister to cancer when she was very young, has generously volunteered her time and efforts to Camp Good Days and Special Times, an organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for children and families whose lives have been touched by cancer; during middle school and high school, she served as a junior helper, and throughout the last two summers, she was a volunteer counselor; and

WHEREAS, Along with the summer program, Emily Pawelski assists with Camp Good Days and Special Times off-season programs for families including pumpkin carving and mini-golf; she also helps raise funds in April; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her exceptional work with Camp Good Days and Special Times, Emily Pawelski traveled to the Dominican Republic in January of 2016, as part of a service learning course where she delivered a workshop on accounting and business management to a group of small business owners served by Hilbert College's community partner; and

WHEREAS, In collaboration with ENACTUS and Catholic Charities of Buffalo, Emily Pawelski is currently working on adapting her workshop to an accounting and Microsoft Excel curriculum that she will teach to refugees and immigrants resettled in the Buffalo area; and

WHEREAS, As an outstanding student at Hilbert College, Emily Pawelski maintains an impressive 3.98 GPA while taking on many leadership roles in campus clubs such as Treasurer for both the Franciscan Spirit Club and ENACTUS; during her sophomore year, she held the position of Treasurer of the Student Government Association; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Emily Pawelski was named the St. Clare Student of the Year, an award presented to a current student who has distinguished herself as an exemplar of the Franciscan mission and tradition of Hilbert College by displaying the college's core values; she was also the proud recipient of the Kohl's Kids Who Care Award for implementing the first Alex's Lemonade stand in Buffalo to raise money and awareness of childhood cancer research; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Emily Pawelski has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, With her sense of civic duty and her commitment to others, Emily Pawelski 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 honor Emily Pawelski upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Independent Sector Student Community Service Award by the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Emily Pawelski.