

BY: Senator MAYER

COMMENDING Eliza Fogel upon the occasion of her designation as a Distinguished Finalist in the 25th 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Eliza Fogel upon the occasion of her designation as a Distinguished Finalist in the 25th Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program; and

WHEREAS, Eliza Fogel has distinguished herself as a young woman 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, Eliza Fogel, a resident of Rye, New York, and a junior at Rye Country Day School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2020 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, Eliza Fogel is helping to improve childhood literacy with her project "Our Books Your Books," through which she has held more than 10 free book fairs at community centers serving people in need; and

WHEREAS, Eliza Fogel's efforts include spreading awareness of her project, collaborating with community partners, sorting donations and hosting the fairs; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Eliza, who is passionate about reading, has collected and redistributed more than 4,000 books; 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 Eliza Fogel, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Eliza Fogel, commending her for her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community service, recognizing the value of her labors and the promise of her future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations, with praise and pride, to commend Eliza Fogel for her achievements, and to extend to her 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 Eliza Fogel.