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CONGRATULATING Ariel Staffin upon the occasion of her designation as Miss Hudson Valley 2024

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those people who, by achieving outstanding success in their competitive endeavors, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; Ariel Staffin is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is also the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the dedication and commitment of people who distinguish themselves through excellence in statewide contests; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Ariel Staffin upon the occasion of her designation as Miss Hudson Valley 2024, on Sunday, December 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Ariel Staffin, truly exhibiting consistent distinction in her endeavors and pride in her State, has, through her obtaining the esteemed title of Miss Hudson Valley, has earned her eligibility to compete for the renowned Miss New York 2024 crown as well; and

WHEREAS, A 2022 graduate of Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration, Ariel Staffin is also a restaurant manager in Aurora, New York, and currently resides in Ithaca; and

WHEREAS, Ariel Staffin enlisted in the New York Army National Guard in 2020 and served in a mechanized infantry unit, Delta Company 2-108, while simultaneously completing her commissioning through Cornell's Army ROTC program; when she graduated, she was commissioned as an Armor Officer and is now a platoon leader in a cavalry troop, Alpha Troop 2-101, and was recently promoted to the rank of 1st Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, In her tenure as Miss Hudson Valley 2024, Ariel Staffin promotes her service initiative, SALUTE, which she created in 2019, to share the stories of servicemen and women with people around the country, giving them a voice, and empowering them to share their stories; and

WHEREAS, Ariel Staffin successfully furthers the goals of SALUTE through service member spotlights, outreach and advocacy for service members, and partnering with organizations whose mission is also to support service members; and

WHEREAS, While Ariel Staffin's personal experience is within the military, her community service initiative, SALUTE, works with law enforcement, firefighters, medical professionals, meaningfully expanding the bounds and potential reach of her impact; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to celebrate the individual

accomplishments of remarkable people in statewide competitions in this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize and applaud Ariel Staffin for her noteworthy endeavors and accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Ariel Staffin upon the occasion of her designation as Miss Hudson Valley 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ariel Staffin, Miss Hudson Valley 2024.