

BY: Senator AMEDORE

CONGRATULATING Kennedy Swedick upon the occasion of capturing 1st Place in the 10-11 year-olds girls' division at the regional round of the Drive, Chip and Putt Championship

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the State of New York who, by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought pride to their school and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Kennedy Swedick upon the occasion of capturing 1st Place in the 10-11 year-olds girls' division at the regional round of the Drive, Chip and Putt Championship on Sunday, September 25, 2016, at The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, With this monumental win, this talented 10-year-old girl from Voorheesville, New York, advanced to the national finals of the Drive, Chip and Putt Championship at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, on Sunday, April 2, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy Swedick was one of 80 girls and boys from across the country who competed for the National Drive, Chip and Putt Championship; she created an everlasting memory on Sunday by winning the Chip component of the Championship, and placing 7th overall in her division; and

WHEREAS, During this once in a lifetime opportunity, Kennedy Swedick holed her shot during the chipping competition, winning a trophy, already engraved, presented by 2016 Masters winner Danny Willett; and

WHEREAS, After the competition, Kennedy Swedick watched some of her idols practice before the Masters competition which begins on Thursday, April 6, 2017; she especially hopes to meet Jordan Spieth, Adam Hadwin, and Matt Kuchar; and

WHEREAS, The fifth-grader had to get through three stages to qualify for the Championship; she placed second in the local qualifier on July 16, 2016, at Saratoga National Golf Club; won the sub-regional on August 17, 2016, at Turning Stone Resort; and won the championship on September 25, 2016, at The Country Club in Brookline, the site of the 1999 Ryder Cup; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy Swedick's passion for golf began when she played on the junior tour as well as some United States kids' events; she has learned from the best, working with Mill Road Acres head pro, Peter Gerard, and Saratoga National Golf Club instructor, Anders Mattson; and

WHEREAS, This amazing young lady's overall record is outstanding and

she was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Ten-year-old Kennedy Swedick's exemplary performance is reflective of her dedication, determination and personal commitment; her achievements stand as a hallmark of what is best in the families, schools and communities across New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Kennedy Swedick upon the occasion of capturing 1st Place in the 10-11 year-olds girls' division at the regional round of the Drive, Chip and Putt Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kennedy Swedick.