

Senate Resolution No. 2535

**BY:** Senator LANZA

**COMMENDING** Gabrielle Garcia upon the occasion of being named America's Next Top Young Entrepreneur by the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) 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 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 commend Gabrielle Garcia upon the occasion of being named America's Next Top Young Entrepreneur by the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) Program, at a Competition on Friday, May 5, 2017, at the Rochester Institute of Technology, in Rochester, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** The Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) Program encourages students to generate business ideas, conduct market research, write business plans, pitch to a panel of investors and launch and run their own businesses or social movements; and

**WHEREAS,** The YEA! Program evokes the spirit of entrepreneurship and introduces youth to skills they can use for their entire lives; the Staten Island YEA! Program, the only one in New York City, is an annual 30-week extracurricular program organized by the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS,** Through participation in the Staten Island YEA! Program, Gabrielle Garcia, a junior at Staten Island Technical High School, created her product, Stench Snipers, an insert to deodorize and sanitize her smelly, sweaty hockey gloves; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon winning the local Staten Island Competition in April of 2017, Gabrielle Garcia then traveled to Rochester to compete on May 5, 2017, against 92 students from 35 states who represented 76 businesses from YEA! Programs across the country; and

**WHEREAS,** At the national competition, Gabrielle Garcia donned her hockey gear and began her business pitch by telling potential investors, "I smell really bad,"; and

**WHEREAS,** With her throughout have been her parents, Dianne and Gabe Garcia, and her brother Philip, who have all shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; and

**WHEREAS,** Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this scholar now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by her teachers,

mentors and parents; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Gabrielle Garcia upon the occasion of being named America's Next Top Young Entrepreneur by the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) Program; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gabrielle Garcia.