

BY: Senator MURPHY

HONORING Riley Damiano upon the occasion of being named a Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging its distinguished youth who have distinguished themselves in their community; and

WHEREAS, Riley Damiano has been selected as a Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards; and

WHEREAS, Riley Damiano was selected for her Blue Lollipop Project; and

WHEREAS, This project involved Riley Damiano collecting monetary donations for pediatric cancer research; for every \$1 donated, Riley provided a blue lollipop for a hospitalized child; and

WHEREAS, Riley Damiano was inspired by a child who loved blue lollipops and lost his battle against cancer; and

WHEREAS, Riley Damiano raised \$6,000 which was donated to the foundation started by the boy's parents; and

WHEREAS, Riley Damiano also worked with nine hospitals to distribute the lollipops; and

WHEREAS, Riley Damiano demonstrated the true spirit of this award through her valuable contributions to the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Riley Damiano upon the occasion of being named a Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Riley Damiano.