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York, upon the occasion of his designation as a Distinguished Finalist in the 18th 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, Adam Moss has distinguished himself as a young man of superlative ability, establishing a high standard of community service, purposefulness of life, and sense of responsibility rarely achieved in youthful years; and

WHEREAS, Adam Moss, 17, of Rockville Centre, New York, and a senior at South Side High School in Rockville Centre, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by being named a 2013 Prudential Spirit of Community Distinguished Finalist; 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, As a Distinguished Finalist, Adam Moss will receive an engraved bronze medallion; and

WHEREAS, Adam Moss is the youth ambassador for the Long Island Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and, having been diagnosed with juvenile diabetes when he was five years old, he was motivated to raise more than \$85,000 leading a team in the organization's annual Charity Walk and, through his school's Best Buddies Club, of which he is the President, he is also a buddy to a boy with Down Syndrome; 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 Adam Moss, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Adam Moss, commending him for his outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community service and recognizing the value of his labors and the promise of his future; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations, with praise and pride, to commend Adam Moss for his achievements and to extend to him the best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being, fully confident of his response to the challenges of a promising future and appreciative of the model he represents for all young people of the Empire State; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Adam Moss.