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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Sarah Jones upon the occasion of her designation as the winner of the Salute to Freedom Essay Contest by the National World War II Museum

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those youth of today and leaders of tomorrow whose character and accomplishments best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is also the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the dedication and commitment of our young people who, by distinguishing themselves through excellence in scholastic competition, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Sarah Jones upon the occasion of her designation as the winner of the Salute to Freedom Essay Contest by the National World War II Museum; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding role model for her classmates, Sarah Jones has brought honor to her family, school, and community; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Jones, a Guilderland High School student, was one of 51 students selected nationally for this esteemed award; her passion for history helped her become one of the students chosen from each state and the District of Columbia to receive a trip to New Orleans in January, for the opening of the National World War II Museum's United States Freedom Pavilion; and

WHEREAS, This exemplary young woman was already researching World War II as part of the National History Day program where students were to create an essay, exhibit, website, or video; Sarah credits her teacher, Deb Escobar, for encouraging her to enter the Salute to Freedom essay

contest; and

WHEREAS, The contest called for students to write two essays; one describing how their state was affected by World War II, and the other explaining how their participation in National History Day influenced their perception of the past and future; and

WHEREAS, This summer and fall Sarah Jones will continue her studies on the American Locomotive Company in Schenectady, New York, as well as the Watervliet Arsenal during World War II; she must write a 750-word paper, and find six images with captions, to be incorporated into a special exhibit at the grand opening of the pavilion; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Jones is a great example of a student who recognizes the important lessons of World War II, why it was fought, how it was won, and how it continues to have an impact on the world today; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Jones represents the potential inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; this Legislative Body is pleased to honor this young woman, recognizing her achievements and the promise of her future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Sarah Jones upon the occasion of her designation as the winner of the Salute to Freedom Essay Contest by the National World War II Museum; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sarah Jones.