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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Goody Goodies upon the occasion of hosting its 1st Annual Sweet 16 Awards Celebration

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Goody Goodies upon the occasion of hosting its 1st Annual "Bee The Change" Sweet 16 Awards Celebration, to be celebrated on June 30, 2013, at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie, New York; and

WHEREAS, Goody Goodies' goal is providing a meaningful vehicle for youth advocacy to give assistance to children who have suffered a loss; the program raises awareness for children in need of education, food, medical attention, a happier life, friendship, and hope to those most in need; and

WHEREAS, Goody Goodies was established by 18-year-old Macallan Durkin who lived in Botswana, Africa for almost three years; while she was there, she saw a great number of animals and raised a few orphaned wild ones; and

WHEREAS, Macallan Durkin wondered why there were places for homeless, orphaned animals, but not for children; subsequently, she and her mother kept this idea near their hearts until the current establishment of Goody Goodies; and

WHEREAS, Goody Goodies' "Bee the Change" sweet 16 Awards Celebration honors 16 sweet role models between the ages of 8 and 18 in Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, The awards celebration features a fair trade fashion show, talent show, and exposition to inspire young girls to become leaders;

and

WHEREAS, Part of the proceeds from the celebration will go to Safe Passage, a non-profit organization that brings hope, education, and opportunity to children and families living in extreme poverty around Guatemala City's garbage dump; and

WHEREAS, With her sense of civic duty and her commitment to others, Macallan Durkin represents the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our young people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Goody Goodies upon the occasion of hosting its 1st Annual Sweet 16 Awards Celebration; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Goody Goodies.