

## 2013-J2807

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring 16-year-old Katey Veron upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by USA TRIATHLON

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the State of New York who, by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought pride to their school and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor 16-year-old Katey Veron upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by USA TRIATHLON; and

WHEREAS, A super athlete at Carey High School, Katey Veron's overall record is outstanding; she was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Katey Veron of Franklin Square just wrapped up another successful year of Triathlon competitions, including the swim, bike, and run; it was her 14th birthday when she began her journey as a triathlete; and

WHEREAS, In August of 2013, at the 26th Annual Tobay Triathlon in Oyster Bay, Katey Veron competed along with 1,000 other athletes age 15 to 80 setting her eyes on another triumphant result; she finished as the eighth place overall female out of 350 individuals and placed first in the high school division; in addition, she was awarded the title of Long Island and New York City Metro High School Triathlon Champion; and

WHEREAS, Katey Veron is ranked in the top six percent nationally by USA TRIATHLON in her age group and was eligible to compete at the 2013 USA Triathlon Age Group National Championships; a competitive swimmer since age seven and runner since age 12, Katey has enjoyed success in the water and on the track; and

WHEREAS, Katey Veron has competed for the Town of Hempstead summer and winter swim teams for almost 10 years as a Class A swimmer in Butterfly and Freestyle; she took swimming to the next step when she became a lifeguard for the Town of Hempstead; and

WHEREAS, As an accomplished runner at Carey High School, Katey Veron has set six school records and earned All-County recognition in spring track; she is a member of the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Katey Veron has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of her school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor 16-year-old Katey Veron upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by USA TRIATHLON; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Katey Veron.