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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Beezie Madden upon the occasion of being named USEF Equestrian of the Year for the third time in her career, on January 10, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding athletes who distinguish themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Beezie Madden upon the occasion of being named USEF Equestrian of the Year for the third time in her career; she was honored on Friday, January 10, 2014, at the United States Equestrian Federation's 2013 Pegasus Awards dinner; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Beezie" Madden, a show jumping competitor and dual Olympic Team Gold medalist winner from Cazenovia, New York, previously won the United States Equestrian Federation's top honor in 2005 and 2006; having captured the 2013 award, she is now only the second person ever to win the Equestrian of the Year title three times; and

WHEREAS, Beezie Madden's impressive feat was the capstone of a year filled with victories; and

WHEREAS, She began her record-setting 2013 season by winning the FTI Consulting Winter Equestrian Festival's FEI W-Cup Grand Prix CSI3, and finishing in second place in the CSIO4 Grand Prix during the CSIO Wellington; and

WHEREAS, In April 2013, Beezie Madden traveled to Gothenburg, Sweden, to capture the Rolex/FEI World Cup Final crown for the first time; she continued to dominate in Europe, producing two impressive double clears in Furusiyya FEI Nations Cup competitions, and a Longines Global Cham-

pion Tours Grand Prix of Chantilly victory over the summer; and

WHEREAS, Beezie Madden then assisted the United States to a win in the Consolation Round of the Furusiyya FEI Nations Cup Final in Barcelona, Spain; as a testament to her 2013 success, she spent three months as the second-ranked rider in the world on the Longines/FEI Rankings; and

WHEREAS, Beezie Madden received The William C. Steinkraus Trophy, which is awarded to an equestrian in an Olympic discipline, for the third time, qualifying her to be one of eight equestrians in the running for the United States Equestrian Federation top honor; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Kathleen McGregor/Schlesinger and Joseph Patton, Beezie Madden was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and began riding at the age of three; and

WHEREAS, At the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Beezie Madden won the gold medal as part of the United States team in Team jumping; at the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics, she earned gold in the Team Jumping competition, and she also earned a bronze in the Individual Show Jumping competition; and

WHEREAS, A gifted athlete, Beezie Madden has become a role model in the world of equestrian sports; her character and achievements stand as a sterling example and inspiration to all who would aspire to success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Beezie Madden upon the occasion of being named USEF Equestrian of the Year for the third time in her career; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Beezie Madden.