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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tara Berescik upon the occasion of her designation as 2014 Teacher of the Year by The Association for Career and Technical Education

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Tara Berescik upon the occasion of her designation as 2014 Teacher of the Year by The Association for Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is the Nation's largest not-for-profit education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for successful careers; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1926, and with more than 25,000 members, ACTE provides advocacy, public awareness and access to information on career and technical education, professional development and tools that enable members to be successful and effective leaders; and

WHEREAS, The future success of our State and Nation is dependent upon individuals such as Tara Berescik, who dedicate their lives as educators, nurturing our most precious resource, our youth; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Grahamsville, New York, Tara Berescik is an agricultural educator with Tri-Valley Central School District; and

WHEREAS, As the Regional winner of the ACTE Teacher of the Year Award, Tara Berescik was one of five finalists competing for the national title of 2014 Teacher of the Year, which recognizes educators who have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique and novel programs

which are serving to improve and promote career and technical education;  
and

WHEREAS, Tara Berescik was announced as the National winner during the ACTE Awards Banquet on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, in Las Vegas, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, An agricultural educator and Future Farmers of America (FFA) advisor at Tri-Valley School District for the past 13 years, Tara Berescik remains a source of inspiration and support for her students; she is known for her ability to connect with her students, and her aptitude for maximizing potential in others; and

WHEREAS, In addition to advising her award-winning FFA team, Tara Berescik teaches eight classes a day on a variety of topics in which she integrates hands-on experience that provide her students with truly remarkable experiences; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career thus far, Tara Berescik has brought an uncompromising standard of excellence to her work and a warm sense of caring and concern to every young person she educates; and

WHEREAS, Teachers like Tara Berescik provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of young people in their educational journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Tara Berescik upon the occasion of her designation as 2014 Teacher of the Year by The Association for Career and Technical Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tara Berescik.