

## 2013-J3633

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Jennifer VanAlphen upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Outstanding 4-H Member Award by the Columbia County Agricultural Society and the 4-H

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Jennifer VanAlphen upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Outstanding 4-H Member Award by the Columbia County Agricultural Society and the 4-H; and

WHEREAS, The 4-H Club is the nation's largest youth development and empowerment organization, reaching more than seven million young people in urban neighborhoods, suburban schoolyards and rural farming communities; fueled by a university-backed curriculum, 4-H'ers engage in hands-on learning activities in the areas of science, healthy living, and food security; and

WHEREAS, The New York State 4-H seeks to foster the development of leadership ability, life skills, and good citizenship in its young men and women; it is the only youth development program directly connected to technological advances and the latest research at Cornell University; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer VanAlphen, the daughter of Richard and Jill VanAlphen, has been a member of the Kinder Farm Saddle 4-H Club for five years, and has been awarded for her outstanding community service activities, leadership abilities, and completion of all 4-H project goals; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional young woman has served as a junior leader, teaching horseback riding safety and other topics to the Cloverbuds youth group; she has also served ably in the Animal Ambassador Program, preparing lesson plans and speaking at the Taconic Hills Afterschool Program; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer VanAlphen is a member of the horse bowl and hippology teams and notably, rescued her own horse, nursing it back to health while conducting research with veterinarians and specialists; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer VanAlphen is a credit to her family, school, community, and her State and Nation, and it is certain that her future will be filled with accomplishments of equal importance; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Jennifer VanAlphen upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Outstanding 4-H Member Award by the Columbia County Agricultural Society and the 4-H; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jennifer VanAlphen.