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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lancaster, New York, native Jessica McLaughlin upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lancaster, New York, native Jessica McLaughlin upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Jessica McLaughlin was born in Lancaster, NY where she developed an interest in thunderstorms; eventually, her interest in weather grew and she graduated from Lancaster High School in 2003 and then continued on to SUNY Brockport; in 2007, she earned a B.S. degree in Meteorology and a minor in Mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Later, Jessica McLaughlin would migrate to the Midwest to work at a local news station in Iowa; while there, she experienced blizzards, floods, and tornadoes, which led to many memorable experiences; and

WHEREAS, Several times Jessica McLaughlin chased severe storms and tornadoes, including one which broke flood stage records for the Midwest; she and her news team were recognized for their excellent coverage of this event; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, Jessica McLaughlin witnessed her first tornado while storm chasing with her father; after 12 hours of chasing, she was able to spot an EF3 tornado; and

WHEREAS, Moving back to the area, Jessica McLaughlin has recently accepted a new position as a meteorologist with Channel 7 News in

Buffalo; she is a true asset to society; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lancaster, New York, native Jessica McLaughlin upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jessica McLaughlin.