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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Brook Peters, of New York, New York, upon the occasion of his designation as a Distinguished Finalist in the 19th Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program

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 exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Brook Peters has distinguished himself as a young man of superlative ability, establishing a high standard of community service, purposefulness of life, and sense of responsibility rarely achieved in youthful years; and

WHEREAS, Brook Peters, 17, of New York, New York, a junior at Gramercy Arts High School, and a member of the McBurney YMCA in New York City, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by being named a 2014 Prudential Spirit of Community Distinguished Finalist; and

WHEREAS, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, created in 1995 by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), are designed to emphasize the importance our nation places on service to others, and to encourage all young Americans to contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, As a Distinguished Finalist, Brook Peters will receive an engraved bronze medallion; and

WHEREAS, Brook Peters created "The Second Day," an educational film about people, including himself, who were personally impacted by the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, After that movie, which is now being used in schools and museums around the world, Brook Peters created the "Show Your Strength

Campaign," another video project which showcases stories of perseverance and resilience through the use of inspirational messages from people all over the world; and

WHEREAS, Brook Peters recently created a three-part series, called "Resilience for Veterans", in support of our nation's veterans of current and prior conflicts; and

WHEREAS, The success of the State of New York, the strength of our communities, and the vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Brook Peters, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Brook Peters, commending him for his outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community service and recognizing the value of his labors and the promise of his future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations, with praise and pride, to commend Brook Peters for his achievements and to extend to him the best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being, fully confident of his response to the challenges of a promising future and appreciative of the model he represents for all young people of the Empire State; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brook Peters.