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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Margaret Conley upon the occasion of being named a Finalist in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those young people who, by achieving outstanding success in educational competition, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Daughter of Lucy and Chris Conley, Margaret Conley is a member of the ski and track teams, Math Academy, National Honor Society and National Foreign Language Honor Society; she plans to major in physics or biology in the fall; and

WHEREAS, The National Merit Scholarship Program, one of the most prestigious academic recognition programs in the Nation, was established in 1955 and recognizes through rigorous competitive examinations, those students across the country who demonstrate exceptional academic ability; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Conley, a senior at Goshen High School, is among the group of Finalists in the 59th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program; her academic accomplishments have afforded her an opportunity to continue in the competition for a National Merit Scholarship that will be offered in the spring of 2014; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 1.5 million juniors from 22,000 high schools entered the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2012 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test; the nationwide pool of Semifinalists, which represents less than one percent of United States high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state; and

WHEREAS, To become a Finalist, a Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by

the high school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test; and WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's essay and information about the Semifinalist's participation and leadership in both school and community activities; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 15,000 Semifinalists advance to the Finalist Level, and it is from this group that all National Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen on the basis of their skills, accomplishments and potential for success in rigorous college studies; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Conley, in achieving this high academic honor, may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of excellence she brings to her family, friends, community and school, Goshen High School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Margaret Conley upon the occasion of being named a Finalist in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program and to extend to her, best wishes for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Margaret Conley.