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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Haley Maier, of Gasport, New York, upon the occasion of her designation as a State Honoree 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, Haley Maier has distinguished herself as a young woman of superlative ability, establishing a high standard of community service, purposefulness of life, and sense of responsibility rarely achieved in youthful years; and

WHEREAS, Haley Maier, age 11, of Gasport, New York, and a sixth grader at Barker Middle School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by being named a 2014 Prudential Spirit of Community State Honoree; 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 one of only two New York State Honorees, Haley Maier will receive a monetary award, an engraved silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C., in May of 2014, for a series of national recognition events; and

WHEREAS, Haley Maier raised money for the Western New York Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, making and selling crocheted necklaces in memory of her grandmother, who died from Alzheimer's disease before Haley was born; and

WHEREAS, Although Haley Maier never knew her grandmother, she often listened to her older sisters talk about how wonderful she was and how much she loved to crochet; her grandmother was lucky to have been assisted in many ways by the Alzheimer's Association and Haley wanted to give back to the organization and the people who took such good care of her grandmother; and

WHEREAS, After her mother taught her to crochet, Haley Maier made necklaces and sold them to friends, classmates, family members, teachers and others in her community to help support the Alzheimer's Association; and

WHEREAS, Haley Maier also set up necklace displays at her pediatrician's office and her hairdresser's salon; in addition, she demonstrated her crocheting technique at a county 4-H event; 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 Haley Maier who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations with praise and pride to commend Haley Maier for her achievements and to extend to her the best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being, fully confident of her response to the challenges of a promising future and appreciative of the model she 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 Haley Maier.