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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring LeeAnn Owens upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Rensselaer County YMCAs Outstanding Student and Educator Award, on Wednesday March 26, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor LeeAnn Owens upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Rensselaer County YMCAs Outstanding Student and Educator Award, to be celebrated on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, at the Hudson Valley Community College Bulmer Telecommunications Conference Center in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, The 9th Annual YMCA Rensselaer County Student and Educator Awards honor those teachers and scholars who demonstrate outstanding service to their schools and communities while embracing the YMCA's core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, LeeAnn Owens has embodied these values, volunteering her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors, and giving of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, A junior at Tamarac High School, LeeAnn Owens is a member of the honor roll and a tri-sport athlete in varsity volleyball, basketball and track and field; thanks to her contributions, her basketball and volleyball teams both captured the Wasaren League championships this year; and

WHEREAS, LeeAnn Owens has displayed a strong commitment to giving back to her school and community through her volunteer efforts; she has

played an active role in Tamarac High School's Class Council and Student Senate, while also serving as vice president of its Students Against Drunk Driving (S.A.D.D.) chapter; and

WHEREAS, LeeAnn Owens has selflessly performed over 100 hours of community service in her school's Key Club; she was elected Key Club Division 18 Lieutenant Governor in January 2014; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable young woman has also been an outstanding contributor to the YMCA, most recently as a Counselor in Training at the organization's Camp Chingachgook; she served as a leader and role model for young campers, teaching numerous skills classes, including rock climbing, canoeing and farm and animal care; and

WHEREAS, With her sense of civic duty and her commitment to others, LeeAnn Owens represents the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor LeeAnn Owens upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Rensselaer County YMCAs Outstanding Student and Educator Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to LeeAnn Owens.