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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Matthew Kendi upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within this 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 full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Matthew Kendi upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award granted by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of President Barack Obama; and

WHEREAS, The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes Americans of all ages who have made significant contributions as volunteers in service to their communities and nation; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Kendi, a senior at Roslyn High School, Roslyn, New York, has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed young man has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Kendi is a volunteer at Horseability, a not-for-profit organization that promotes the well-being of children, adults and families with special needs through a wide range of horse-related activities; his numerous responsibilities include grooming and caring for the horses, leading horses during lessons, and ensuring the safety of clients during lessons; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Kendi has also worked closely with Gimme Ten, a

community service group that helps different organizations on a weekly basis; he has been involved in such diverse charitable activities as caring for foster children, cleaning cemeteries, and participating in food drives; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Matthew Kendi has displayed throughout his young life; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who volunteer their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Matthew Kendi upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew Kendi.