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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sarah Murray upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Student Award by the Capital District YMCA Guilderland and Bethlehem branches

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, It is the practice 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 best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sarah Murray upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Student Award by the Capital District YMCA Guilderland and Bethlehem branches to be celebrated at its 17th Annual Outstanding Student and Educator ceremony on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, at the Appel Inn in Altamont, New York; and

WHEREAS, A junior at Clayton A. Bouton High School, Sarah Murray is always willing to help and contribute to her school; she also has a strong desire to help out the less fortunate, and do so in another part of the world; and

WHEREAS, In summer of 2013, Sarah Murray was able to go South Africa when she received a scholarship through The Broadreach Foundation to study African Wildlife and Conservation; she volunteered to collect data in the field, where they would use the information to develop a better understanding of how to protect the animals and preserve the land; and

WHEREAS, During her time in South Africa, Sarah Murray took a day trip to volunteer at a nearby orphanage which houses approximately 100 children who lost their parents to HIV/AIDS, as well as many of the chil-

dren, also diagnosed with the same disease; and

WHEREAS, With her sense of civic duty and her commitment to others, Sarah Murray represents the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; and

WHEREAS, This occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to wish Sarah Murray continued success throughout her school years and beyond; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sarah Murray upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Student Award by the Capital District YMCA Guilderland and Bethlehem branches; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sarah Murray.