

## 2013-J5267

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mayra Avila upon the occasion of her coronation as Miss Westchester 2014

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 best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Mayra Avila upon the occasion of her coronation as Miss Westchester 2014 on August 3, 2013; and

WHEREAS, As Miss Westchester 2014, Mayra Avila of Yonkers, New York, intends to become a leader for education in New York State, speaking about the importance of education and promoting Westchester County and Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, Born on February 8, 1988, Mayra Avila's family moved to New York when she was four years old from Ecuador; and

WHEREAS, From 2011 to 2013, Mayra Avila attended Mercy College, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, a Master of Science degree in Childhood and Special Education, and a Master of Science degree in Secondary Math and Special Education; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Mayra Avila is a Mathematics Teacher at Ossining High School; and

WHEREAS, A strong advocate for educational leadership, Mayra Avila is the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Race to the Top Scholarship from Mercy College, graduated college cum laude, member of the Psi Chi National Honor Society, and was on the Dean's list all quarters she attended; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her year serving as Miss Westchester 2014, Mayra Avila has been involved in a variety of community events such as Relay

for Life, Breast Cancer Awareness, White Plains and Yonkers St. Patrick Day Parade, Egg-cellent Easter Egg Hunt in Mamaroneck, Yonkers Summer Reading for Buddies, and was the guest speaker for the Mercy College 2014 Graduation Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Mayra Avila serves as an avid volunteer for Food Ministries and Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, Since her crowning, Mayra Avila has become immersed in the Westchester County community attending charitable events, visiting schools and hospitals, and speaking to local organizations; and

WHEREAS, This ambitious, sweet, and optimistic young woman strives to leave behind a legacy of making a positive difference in the lives of many children and adults in representing both Westchester and the Latino communities; and

WHEREAS, Through her active involvement in the community and her sincere dedication to her generation, Mayra Avila is a role model for her peers; and

WHEREAS, Mayra Avila exemplifies the best potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; she has brought enduring honor to her family and her community through her many achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Mayra Avila upon the occasion of her coronation as Miss Westchester 2014, and to wish her success in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mayra Avila, Miss Westchester 2014.