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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Edgemont High School junior Morgan Rappe for her outstanding efforts in support of military service men and women through her Students Supporting Our Military program

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 full accord with its long-standing tradition, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Edgemont High School junior Morgan Rappe for her outstanding efforts in support of military service men and women through her Students Supporting Our Military program; and

WHEREAS, Morgan Rappe has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, Morgan Rappe is the founder of Students Supporting Our Military (SSOM), a program she developed after being inspired by her brother Michael Rappe's military service in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Displaying a passionate commitment to supporting members of the United States armed forces at home and abroad, Morgan Rappe worked closely with teachers and administrators at Edgemont High School to show her school's appreciation for our troop's many sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, Under Morgan Rappe's leadership, SSOM organizes fundraisers, care packages, and letters in gratitude to those who have served so bravely; she has worked with national level organizations including the Wounded Warriors Project and Project HEAL, as well as organized club visits to local veterans hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a

period of constructive involvement, Morgan Rappe has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of service members which this remarkable young woman has displayed; and

WHEREAS, With her sense of civic duty and her commitment to others, Morgan Rappe 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 Edgemont High School junior Morgan Rappe for her outstanding efforts in support of military service men and women through her Students Supporting Our Military program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Morgan Rappe.