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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Eric Snyder upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Youth Leadership Award by the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network on June 13, 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, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Eric Snyder upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Youth Leadership Award by the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network, to be celebrated at its 16th Anniversary Gala Celebration, A Breakfast at Tiffany's GLSEN Formal Affair, on Friday, June 13, 2014, at the Washington Park Lake House, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1990, the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN) has worked to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; as a local chapter, GLSEN focuses its efforts on the youth and educators of the eight counties surrounding the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, GLSEN of the New York Capital Region was founded by educators in the Capital Region nearly 20 years ago, when they saw the need to create safe spaces for LGBTQ Youth; this local group became officially part of the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network nationally, late in 1997 and was accredited as the New York Capital Region Chapter in 1998; and

WHEREAS, A graduating senior from Averill Park High School, Eric Snyder was nominated for this auspicious award for renovating space at

The Pride Center of The Capital Region as part of his completion of The Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Scouting Program; and

WHEREAS, Eric Snyder, in achieving this high honor, may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of excellence he brings to his family, friends, community and school; and

WHEREAS, As Eric Snyder takes his leave of Averill Park High School to continue his education at Tufts University, he bequeaths a legacy of academic achievement, school involvement and community service to which others may aspire; and

WHEREAS, Eric Snyder stands poised on the threshold of a broad and challenging world; a testament to the love and nurturing care of his family, friends and school; and

WHEREAS, With his sense of civic duty and his commitment to others, Eric Snyder 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 Eric Snyder upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Youth Leadership Award, to commend him for his outstanding achievement and to extend to him the best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being, fully confident of his response to a promising future and appreciative of the model he represents for all aspiring young people of the Empire State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eric Snyder.