

## 2015-J649

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Alejandra Perez upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education 2015 Student of the Year Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of those individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary pursuit of education as adults; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Alejandra Perez upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education 2015 Student of the Year Award to be celebrated at its 32nd Annual Student Awards and Legislative Event, March 10-11, 2015, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The New York Association for Continuing/Community Education (NYACCE) represents adult education professionals; the primary mission of NYACCE is maintaining and expanding education and training opportunities for undereducated adults throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, NYACCE strives to ensure that the opportunities afforded to these students continue to be available, and that additional adults in need of these services are served without barriers; it is well understood that individuals who continue their education have a greater chance of improving their employment and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Alejandra Perez is a woman who understands the value of education, as well as the challenges and hardships which are sometimes faced when trying to obtain a diploma; and

WHEREAS, Born in Newburgh, New York, Alejandra Perez was one of six children, all of whom were raised by their single mother; and

WHEREAS, As a young woman, Alejandra Perez moved with her family to

Fleischmanns, New York, where she continued her education until the end of the 10th grade; and

WHEREAS, After the birth of their first child, Miguel Jr., and marriage to Miguel Perez, Alejandra continued to have a strong desire to return to her studies and earn her high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, Following the birth of her second child, Isabelle, the Perez family faced much adversity when Miguel Jr. was diagnosed with leukemia; Alejandra devoted herself entirely to caring for her family, becoming a stay-at-home mother; Miguel Jr.'s condition improved and he was able to return to school; and

WHEREAS, At this time, Alejandra Perez enrolled in a high school equivalency class at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Adult Education Center in Newburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, With the same tenacity and devotion she exhibited in caring for her family, Alejandra Perez successfully worked her way through numerous academic subjects, and passed the TASC test; furthermore, she entered the BOCES health program's Medical Assistant class to train to become a CMA; and

WHEREAS, Alejandra Perez continues to be a loving and committed wife and mother and is planning to attend college and become an ultrasound technician; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to commend individuals of outstanding character, who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by their peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Alejandra Perez upon her designation as recipient of the

New York Association for Continuing/Community Education 2015 Student of the Year Award, and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alejandra Perez.