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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Oneida Shushe upon the occasion of her designation as Teenager of the Year by the Colonie Lodge of Elks No. 2192

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 Oneida Shushe upon the occasion of her designation as Teenager of the Year by the Colonie Lodge of Elks No. 2192, to be celebrated with a Ceremony on Thursday, May 28, 2015, at the Colonie Town Supervisor's Office; and WHEREAS, Oneida Shushe was selected for this auspicious honor in recognition of her strong academic performance, her service to her school, and her commitment to the community; and WHEREAS, An accomplished, conscientious and active student at Colonie High School, Oneida Shushe has accumulated an impressive list of achievements throughout her outstanding high school career; she is whole-heartedly committed to her education and makes her academics her number one priority; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her steadfast dedication to her studies, Oneida Shushe consumes herself with school and community extracurricular activities where she takes on many different leadership roles; comfortable in the lead, she is President of both the Key Club and Science Club; and

WHEREAS, Oneida Shushe has been instrumental in starting a Book Club at Colonie High School, as well as creating the Kindness Club and Bigger Smiles Project, which promotes dental hygiene education in Albania; she is also a member of the National Honor Society, Science Olympiad and the

William K. Sanford Teen Advisory Group; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community, Oneida Shushe has given tirelessly of her time and energies to St. Peter's Hospital, assisting patients with their needs, as well as the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York; and

WHEREAS, This exemplary young woman's unwavering desire to help others is one of her most desirable traits; as our world faces many challenges, it is refreshing to know students like Oneida Shushe, who believe that demonstrating simple acts of kindness can make the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, In achieving this high honor, Oneida Shushe may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of excellence she brings to her family, friends, community and school; and WHEREAS, Oneida Shushe's sense of civic duty and her commitment to others 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 congratulate Oneida Shushe upon the occasion of her designation as Teenager of the Year by the Colonie Lodge of Elks No. 2192; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Oneida Shushe.