

## 2015-J2348

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Sona Goswami 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 Sona Goswami 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, Sona Goswami 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, A senior at Shaker High School, Sona Goswami is ranked in the top tenth percentile of her graduating class; she has maintained an impressive 4.0 average while pursuing one of the school's most rigorous academic programs; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her illustrious high school career, Sona Goswami has served as a dedicated peer tutor in math and was a member of both the Freshman Volleyball Team and the Modified Lacrosse Team; she also assisted in lab research on three-dimensional tissue in the Bio Engineering Department at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Sona Goswami's extracurricular activities are equally impressive; she was Vice President of the Speech and Debate Club from 2012 to 2013, where she currently serves as President; she has been a dedicated violin player for the Shaker Orchestra since 2006, and was inducted into

the Tri-M Music Honor Society, an international music honor society designed to recognize students for their academic and musical achievements; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this exemplary young woman has been a member of student government and the Indian Student Organization since 2011; she is also a member of the Medical Club and the Shaker High School Building Council; and

WHEREAS, With a true passion for dance, Sona Goswami has performed at several community events; she was selected to participate in the "Girls Take Charge" Leadership Course, and is the proud recipient of the Student Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, Active within her community, Sona Goswami has given tirelessly of her time and energies to the Town of Colonie Summer Camp, the New York State Museum Children's Science Discovery Center, Albany Memorial Hospital and the Hindu Temple Youth Camp; and

WHEREAS, In achieving this high honor, Sona Goswami 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, Sona Goswami'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 Sona Goswami 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 Sona Goswami.