

## 2015-J1156

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Sara Friedman of Sleepy Hollow, New York, upon the occasion of her designation as a Distinguished Finalist in the 20th Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program

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 exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and nation; and

WHEREAS, Sara Friedman has distinguished herself as a young woman of superlative ability, establishing a high standard of community service, purposefulness of life, and sense of responsibility rarely achieved in youthful years; and

WHEREAS, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, created in 1995 by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), are designed to emphasize the importance our nation places on service to others, and to encourage all young Americans to contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Sara Friedman, an esteemed resident of Sleepy Hollow, New York, and a senior at Sleepy Hollow High School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Sara Friedman earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy to the Center for Celiac Research at Massachusetts General Hospital; she donated the sales from her book, THE GLUTEN-FREE GUIDE TO WASHINGTON, D.C., as a resource to help others with the condition to find gluten-free restaurants, bakeries and health food stores,

as well as support groups and healthcare professionals throughout the Washington, D.C. metro area; and

WHEREAS, The success of the State of New York, the strength of our communities, and the vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Sara Friedman, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Sara Friedman, commending her for her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community service, recognizing the value of her labors and the promise of her future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations, with praise and pride, to commend Sara Friedman for her achievements and to extend to her the best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sara Friedman.