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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Jessica Lahr upon the occasion of being crowned Mrs. New York America on October 26, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, to honor today's young people, the leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Jessica Lahr upon the occasion of being crowned Mrs. New York America on Sunday, October 26, 2014, at the RIT Inn and Conference Center in Rochester, New York; subsequently, she will compete in August of 2015 at the National Pageant; and WHEREAS, Jessica Lahr outshined a multitude of beautiful women who hailed from all over New York State; and WHEREAS, A Prattsburgh Central School graduate, 29-year-old Jessica Lahr moved to Geneva, New York nine years ago where she and her husband, Chad, are the proud parents of two sons, Colby and Max; and WHEREAS, Two years of exercise and a healthy diet led Jessica Lahr to a new career in modeling; today, she models for commercial print and video work, as well as charitable fashion shows; and WHEREAS, An inspiring woman who lives by a pay-it-forward attitude, Jessica Lahr is deeply committed to the Ronald McDonald House, due in large part to her family needing to use its services in the past; and WHEREAS, The esteemed title of Mrs. New York America bestowed upon Jessica Lahr is due to her extremely hard work, staying true to herself, and most importantly her love for people; and WHEREAS, Jessica Lahr is grateful for her local sponsors including

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Fit, whose support played an integral role preparing her for the pageant, and today, continues to inspire her toward her goals; and WHEREAS, In addition to her husband and two sons, Jessica Lahr was loyally and enthusiastically supported by her parents, Chris and Bruce Barrows, and her in-laws, Linn and Ed Lavin, as well as numerous family, fans, friends and the community at large; and WHEREAS, Jessica Lahr's sparking success exemplifies the potential inherent in our young men and women, who together with our children are our most precious resource; she is an outstanding role model for her peers with whom she works and stands with poise and purpose to face the challenges of new experiences; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Jessica Lahr upon the occasion of being crowned Mrs. New York America on October 26, 2014; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jessica Lahr.