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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Courtney Dearnley upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Columbia County High School Youth Leadership Award by the Columbia County Youth Bureau on May 7, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to act, in accordance 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Courtney Dearnley upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Columbia County High School Youth Leadership Award by the Columbia County Youth Bureau, celebrated at its 19th Annual Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 7, 2015, at the Hudson Elks Lodge; and WHEREAS, For 35 years, the Columbia County Youth Bureau has done an excellent job of planning, coordinating, and supplementing activities for the youth of the county; one of their objectives is to recognize outstanding young men and women who are role models to their peers and deserve to be honored for their leadership, good works, and commitment to their community; and

WHEREAS, Nominated by her High School Counselor, Courtney Dearnley is a Junior at Taconic High School; this outstanding young woman is a member of several agricultural organizations at her school, including 4H, New York State Holstein Association Junior Member, Farm Bureau Junior Member, and Columbia County Dairy Committee Junior Member; and WHEREAS, In addition, Courtney Dearnley holds the position of Vice President of the Eastern New York Junior Holstein Club, and was the New York State Junior Dairy Leader for the Class of 2014-2015; and WHEREAS, An exceptional student, Courtney Dearnley is a member of the National Honor Society, and is ranked within the top 10% of her class, as well as consistently earning a place on the High Honor Roll; and WHEREAS, Courtney Dearnley participates on both the Varsity Basketball and Cross Country teams, and is a member of the SADD Club and Student Council; currently, she serves as the Class of 2016 Treasurer, and mentors fourth grade students; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the well-being of her community, Courtney Dearnley volunteers her time and energies to various activities including serving as a Lector at Our Lady of Hope Church, bringing a calf for children to pet at summer park programs, and making Thanksgiving food baskets at the Hillsdale Fire House; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable young woman also assists at fifth and sixth grade basketball tournaments, the Taconic Hills Spring Into Learning Open House, and Copake Parks Easter Egg Hunt, as well as the Taconic Hills Little League Concession Stands; and

WHEREAS, Courtney Dearnley is a credit to her family, school, community, and her State and Nation, and it is certain that her future will be filled with accomplishments of equal importance; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this scholar now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by her teachers, coaches and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Courtney Dearnley upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Columbia County High School Youth Leadership Award by the Columbia County Youth Bureau; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Courtney Dearnley.