

## 2015-J3191

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Julie Kapuvari upon the occasion of her designation by Girl Scouts of the United States of America as a 2015 National Young Woman of Distinction

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Julie Kapuvari upon the occasion of her designation by Girl Scouts of the United States of America as a 2015 National Young Woman of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, Julie Kapuvari was honored with a 2015 National Young Woman of Distinction Award at a Girl Scouts of Nassau County (GSNC) luncheon, held at Edith Macy Conference Center in Briarcliff Manor, New York on Wednesday, October 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The celebration included a special candlelight ceremony by a blazing fire, a pinning ceremony and presentations from each of the recipients; and

WHEREAS, Each year, Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA) names 20 Girl Scout Gold Awardees National Young Women of Distinction (NYWOD), a prestigious honor; this highly competitive award is given to Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors whose Gold Award projects demonstrated extraordinary leadership, had a measurable and sustainable impact, and addressed a local challenge related to a national and/or global issue; and

WHEREAS, Julie Kapuvari, currently a freshman at Cornell University, was a 2015 graduate from Massapequa High School where she was a member

of the National Honor Society; she was the captain of the Varsity Rifle Team, a participant in the Rifle Team All County, an All State Champion in her sophomore, junior and senior years of high school and a competitor in the Junior Olympic Regional Qualifiers; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Julie Kapuvari was the Drum Captain of the marching band, member of the Art Club, Surfriders Club, French Club, Code Green Environmental Group and founder and president of the Long Island Environmental Science Competition; and

WHEREAS, As a Girl Scout of Nassau County, Julie Kapuvari's Gold Award project channeled her passion for environmental science and her concern over the worldwide decline of honeybee populations, collaborating with the Homecoming Farm, an organic community-supported farm on the property of the Sisters of St. Dominic convent and the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, Julie Kapuvari enrolled in the Long Island Beekeeping Association apiculture class to become more fluent in the nature of honeybees, dispel common behavioral misconceptions and highlight the benefits of a beekeeping program; she received a grant from the Long Island Beekeepers Club (LIBC) for a nucleus of one queen and 5,000 honeybees; and

WHEREAS, As a novice beekeeper and member of the LIBC, Julie Kapuvari's "Pollination Project: Don't Bee Afraid, Bee-lieve" helped address the problem of bee colony losses attributed to Colony Collapse Disorder by conducting presentations for a variety of groups and educating them about the need for bee colonies and pesticide free environments; and

WHEREAS, Julie Kapuvari continues to give presentations to members of her community on the impact of her project and how it has resulted in a local, sustained pollination source that will help with food production

on the farm for years to come; the bee colony is on an organic farm and will contribute to its sustainability and productivity, while the organic farm creates a safe haven for the endangered species; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend them for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Julie Kapuvari upon the occasion of her designation by Girl Scouts of the United States of America as a 2015 National Young Woman of Distinction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Julie Kapuvari.