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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Margarita Cortez upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Scholarship Award by the Major General Irene Trowell-Harris Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor the young adults 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 long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Margarita Cortez upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Scholarship Award by the Major General Irene Trowell-Harris Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion will be celebrated at the 18th Annual Tuition Assistance Program on Saturday, February 6, 2016, at Anthony's Pier 9, New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, A truly exceptional student, Margarita Cortez is a senior at Newburgh Free Academy (NFA) where she is enrolled in all honors and advanced placement courses; she also excels athletically as a member of both the varsity volleyball and lacrosse teams; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Margarita Cortez' extracurricular activities are varied and rigorous as well, ranging from extensive volunteerism for Habitat for Humanity to participation in NFA's nationally known electric-car Concept Vehicle Racing Team; and

WHEREAS, Margarita Cortez plans to attend Northeastern University in Boston as a pre-med biology major with the goal of becoming a pediatrician; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her high school career, Margarita Cortez has displayed exceptional academic achievement, a strong sense of community

responsibility, and a commitment to excellence which is unparalleled;

and

WHEREAS, Margarita Cortez, in achieving this academic honor, may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of excellence she brings to her family, friends, community and school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Margarita Cortez upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Scholarship Award by the Major General Irene Trowell-Harris Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., and to extend to her best wishes 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 Margarita Cortez.