

## 2015-J3774

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Precious Jenemiah Grace King upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award by the Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Precious Jenemiah Grace King upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award by the Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc.; this momentous occasion was celebrated at its Second Annual Fundraising Gala on Saturday, September 19, 2015, at the Desmond, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Precious Jenemiah Grace King is being recognized with this auspicious honor in recognition of her steadfast dedication to community service, her unwavering commitment to achieving excellence in education, and her passion for international relations and culture; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Niskayuna High School, Precious Jenemiah Grace King is an honor student who participates in student council, varsity crew, Niskayuna Youth Court and Niskayuna Model United Nations; and

WHEREAS, This exemplary young woman received a certificate of commendation at the 2013 New York State Summer School of Media Arts at the State University of New York at Oswego, and completed a two-week Leader in Training program at the YMCA's Camp Chingachgook in the summer of 2014; and

WHEREAS, Precious Jenemiah Grace King was selected by Stanford University to attend their pre-collegiate 2015 summer program; in addition,

she was selected by the United States Department of State to participate in the highly competitive Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Abroad program; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently, during her junior year of high school, Precious Jenemiah Grace King had the experience of a lifetime studying abroad in Accra, Ghana, where she immersed herself in the native culture by attending West Africa Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, Active within her community, Precious Jenemiah Grace King volunteers with the Niskayuna Community Summer Youth program, Niskayuna Circle, Lake George Land Conservancy, and the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, In the future, Precious Jenemiah Grace King aspires to pursue a career in International Relations, and to use her knowledge for humanitarian work in the United States and globally; and

WHEREAS, With her sense of civic duty and her commitment to others, Precious Jenemiah Grace King represents the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Precious Jenemiah Grace King upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award by the Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Precious Jenemiah Grace King.