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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ariyanna Chillis upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Special Recognition Award by the Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc. on October 22, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 those organizations and individuals who would 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 honor Ariyanna Chillis upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Special Recognition Award by the Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc. to be celebrated at its Third Annual Gala on Saturday, October 22, 2016, at the Colonie Golf and Country Club, Voorheesville, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc. strives to provide resources and services to support and strengthen the development of children and families on the African continent and globally who are risk of the devastating effects of poverty, as well as HIV/AIDS and other opportunistic viruses; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 2011, the Flora E. Kippins Foundation has greatly benefitted not only the residents of the Capital Region of New York, but also those of Guyana, South America and Ghana, Africa by offering food, gifts, and medical supplies, hosting parties and holiday events, and providing educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award will be bestowed upon Ariyanna Chillis for her continued active presence in her community, and her demonstrated commitment to education, as well as her outstanding support of the mission of the Flora E. Kippins Foundation; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Colonie Central High School, Ariyanna Chillis is a vital member of the National Honor Society; an exceptional student, she was the recipient of the University at Albany Multicultural High School Achievers Award, was named a Raider Scholar, and won the New York State Elks Oratorical Contest; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the community in which she lives, Ariyanna Chillis has graciously given of her time and energy to tutor and mentor younger students, and has been instrumental in organizing numerous activities for them; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ariyanna Chillis upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Special Recognition Award by the Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ariyanna Chillis.