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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gabriel Curcione upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate

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 Gabriel Curcione upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Senate Liberty Medal was established by resolution, and is awarded to individuals who have merited special commendation for exceptional, heroic, or humanitarian acts on behalf of their fellow New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, A student at Wilson Central School, in Wilson, New York, Gabriel Curcione will be bestowed this auspicious award for the exceptional volunteer work he completed to earn the Congressional Award Silver Medal; and

WHEREAS, The Congressional Award is the United States Congress' award for young Americans; to earn this award, students must set and accomplish goals in four program areas: voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition/exploration; and

WHEREAS, Silver Level Congressional Award Requirements include a minimum of 200 hours of voluntary service, 100 hours of personal development, 100 hours of physical fitness, and two nights and three days of expedition or exploration; and

WHEREAS, For his voluntary public service portion of the program, Gabriel Curcione gave back to his community in many ways; an advocate for military youth, he performed over 250 hours volunteering in programs which benefitted numerous children of deployed Service Members; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable young man gave of his time and energy working as a camp counselor at the 4-H Cornell Cooperative Extension and Operation Military Kids, where he was instrumental in the success of its Our Military Kids awareness campaign and its Purple Up! movement; and

WHEREAS, For his personal development goal, Gabriel Curcione participated in two learning opportunities to increase his knowledge, expand his perspective, and improve his social skills to become a better leader; and

WHEREAS, He also focused on improving his knowledge of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and is continually looking for new educational opportunities which will help him grow; and

WHEREAS, Gabriel Curcione's physical fitness objective was to create a plan that kept him active at least two days a week for five hours each week; he found that his endurance has increased, and his overall personal fitness has improved; and

WHEREAS, For his expedition/exploration component, Gabriel Curcione spent three days and two nights camping and scouting for deer and turkey in the Bucktooth State Forest; he planned the trip from start to finish focusing on being totally self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, Guided by his advisor, Major Thomas A. Scozzafava, Gabriel Curcione successfully set and met challenging goals; with a high standard of accomplishment, he represents the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; and

WHEREAS, Gabriel Curcione, in receiving this distinguished honor, may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of excellence he brings to his family, friends, community and Wilson Central School District; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gabriel Curcione upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gabriel Curcione.