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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lesley Rudin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a 2016 National Study Trip Award by the American Association of Teachers of German

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lesley Rudin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a 2016 National Study Trip Award by the American Association of Teachers of German; and WHEREAS, The Study Trip Award is a prestigious National award sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG) which provides students with an all-expenses-paid three-week trip to Germany; and

WHEREAS, A student at Kenmore West High School, in Kenmore, New York, Lesley Rudin won the trip as a result of her outstanding performance on the 2016 National German Exam for High School Students; and WHEREAS, Lesley Rudin placed in the top 90th percentile on the exam and had to undergo a rigorous screening process which included German language essays as well as an interview by a screening committee; and WHEREAS, In 2016, more than 21,000 students participated in the program, and Lesley Rudin is one of only 44 outstanding German language students selected from across the United States to receive the AATG National Study Trip Award; and

WHEREAS, In its 56th year, the study trip is a great reward for excellence in learning German which includes round-trip tickets to Germany, lodging with a host family, and excursions to places of cultural and historic significance; and WHEREAS, Lesley Rudin stands poised on the threshold of a broad and challenging world, a testament to the love and nurturing care of her family, friends and school; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to honor Lesley Rudin, a young woman and able scholar, recognizing the value of her labors and the promise of her future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lesley Rudin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a 2016 National Study Trip Award by the American Association of Teachers of German, to commend her for her outstanding academic achievement, and to extend to her the best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being, fully confident of her response to a promising future and appreciative of the model she represents for all aspiring young people of this great Empire State; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lesley Rudin.