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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Alyssa Ehrlich upon the occasion of being named a 2009 Merrill Presidential Scholar at Cornell University

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those young people who have inspired and brought pride to this majestic Empire State with their intellectual drive, energetic leadership abilities, strong contributions to their communities and scholastic achievements; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Alyssa Ehrlich upon the occasion of being named a 2009 Merrill Presidential Scholar at Cornell University; and

WHEREAS, Each spring semester, 32 scholars, representing approximately one percent of the graduating class, are named to receive this honor by the deans of each of Cornell's seven undergraduate colleges; and

WHEREAS, The scholars, in turn, recognize a high school teacher who most inspired their scholastic development, as well as a Cornell faculty member who most significantly contributed to their college education and experience; and

WHEREAS, A young woman of singular distinction and superlative ability, Alyssa Ehrlich named Anne Marie Bachmore of Half Hollow Hills High School as the teacher who inspired her; and

WHEREAS, The Merrill Presidential Scholars Program is made possible by funding from Philip Merrill, Cornell Class of 1955; the STAR (Special Teachers Are Recognized) Scholarship, established in 1989 with support from the late Donald Berens and his wife, Margi, members of the Class of 1947, honors the chosen high school teachers; and

WHEREAS, The STAR Scholarship provides for a one-time scholarship established in each teacher's name for a financially needy Cornell student from the teacher's high school or geographical area; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, Alyssa Ehrlich now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and inspiration provided by Anne Marie Bachmore

during her years at Half Hollow Hills High School; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations, with praise and pride, to honor Alyssa Ehrlich upon the occasion of being named a 2009 Merrill Presidential Scholar at Cornell University, 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 the challenges of a promising future and appreciative of the model she represents for all young people of the Empire State; and be it further
RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alyssa Ehrlich and Anne Marie Bachmore.