

## 2009-J1162

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Prevete Family upon the occasion of their designation as recipient of the 2009 Naomi Silverman Family of the Year Award by the Epilepsy Foundation of Long Island

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenship; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Prevete Family upon the occasion of their designation as recipient of the 2009 Naomi Silverman Family of the Year Award by the Epilepsy Foundation of Long Island, to be celebrated at its 25th Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance "Casablanca Night", on Friday, April 17, 2009, at Carlyle on the Green, Bethpage State Park; and WHEREAS, When Jennifer Prevete was eight years old, she was diagnosed with epilepsy; after eight years of numerous treatments, it was discovered that she has the genetic disorder Chromosome Ring 20 Syndrome; and WHEREAS, Jennifer Prevete experiences anywhere from three to eight complex partial seizures per day, each lasting from 30 to 60 minutes; she also experiences generalized tonic clonic seizures; and WHEREAS, Despite her setbacks, Jennifer Prevete attends a BOCES program daily, goes to therapeutic horseback riding lessons, swims, rides a bike and tries to be as independent as possible; and WHEREAS, Jennifer lives with her family, Richard, Theresa and Richard Prevete, and cares for their pets which includes her Wheaten Terrier, Jack, her turtle, Leo and her Koi fish; furthermore, she enjoys camping, going to the beach and being with her family and friends; with a love of sea creatures, she would like to one day work at the Atlantis Marine

World; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Prevete Family upon the occasion of their designation as recipient of the 2009 Naomi Silverman Family of the Year Award by the Epilepsy Foundation of Long Island; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Prevete Family.