

## 2011-J776

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Sarah Connor, of Northport, upon the occasion of her designation as a State Honoree in the 16th Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program

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 exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and nation; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Connor has distinguished herself as a young woman of superlative ability, establishing a high standard of community service, purposefulness of life, and sense of responsibility rarely achieved in youthful years; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Connor, age 11, of Northport, New York, and a sixth-grader at Northport Middle School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by being named a 2011 Prudential Spirit of Community State Honoree; she was nominated for this high honor by her school, Northport Middle School; and

WHEREAS, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, created in 1995 by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), are designed to emphasize the importance our nation places on service to others, and to encourage all young Americans to contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, As one of only two New York State Honorees, Sarah Connor will receive a monetary award, an engraved silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C., April 30-May 3, 2011, for a series of national recognition events; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Connor has been raising awareness of environmental issues for several years, and is now gathering funds to achieve her first goal, the replacement of 20 flowering cherry trees on her town's Main Street which had been cut clown but not replaced due to lack of funds; and

WHEREAS, When she was seven, she started hearing more and more about the trouble the earth was in; she read a lot of books, saw movies, and learned everything she could; at her 8th Birthday party, she and her

guests cleaned up a local park and made birdhouses out of recycled water bottles; and

WHEREAS, Then, she says a visit to a museum exhibit on climate change really opened her eyes and made her see that we had to start making big changes; on her own, Sarah decided to raise money to help save the environment using a lemonade stand she had started years earlier and

WHEREAS, In addition to selling lemonade during the summer, Sarah sells hot chocolate in the winter, and makes presentations to business and civic groups; she also maintains a website at

[HTTP://WWW.PROJECTLEMONAID.ORG](http://www.projectlemonaid.org) to solicit donations and educate others about the environment; and

WHEREAS, Thus far, Sarah has raised enough funds for 15 trees and is to be highly commended and extolled for the edification and emulation of others, young and old, for doing what she can about something she thinks is important; and

WHEREAS, The success of the State of New York, the strength of our communities, and the vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Sarah Connor who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Sarah Connor commending her for her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community service and 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 with praise and pride to commend Sarah Connor for her achievements 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 a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sarah Connor.