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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lauren Daniels upon the occasion of the selection of her film as Best in the Nation by the National Road Safety Foundation

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 Lauren Daniels upon the occasion of the selection of her film as Best in the Nation by the National Road Safety Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The National Road Safety Foundation is a not-for-profit group which promotes driver safety and distributes teaching materials to schools, police and community groups; and

WHEREAS, This year, the National Road Safety Foundation hosted a competition which drew nearly 100 ideas for public service announcements (PSAs) from young people in 30 states; they chose the 10 top ideas and gave each youth a flip camera to shoot a video; and

WHEREAS, Fifteen year-old Lauren Daniels, a freshman at Oswego High School, used her interest in video to create a PSA about distracted driving and was subsequently chosen as the best in the nation in the competition; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Daniels' PSA features two teenage girls who are walking; one of the girls is texting while the other is putting on makeup, resulting in a comical accident; the same scene is then played out while the two teens are driving an accident occurs with more somber results, driving home the message of the dangers of distracted driving; and

WHEREAS, With her sense of civic duty and her commitment to others,

Lauren Daniels represents the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lauren Daniels upon the occasion of the selection of her film as Best in the Nation by the National Road Safety Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lauren Daniels.