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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Sarah Martinez for her heroic action upon the occasion of saving the life of a sixth grade classmate and becoming a role model for her fellow students

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the heroic acts of young citizens who voluntarily take immediate and appropriate action to safeguard the health and safety of others; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Martinez is a sixth grade student in the Poughkeepsie, New York, Middle School; and

WHEREAS, On February 1, 2012, Sarah Martinez was escorting a fellow student to the nurse's office when a partially swallowed piece of peppermint candy became dangerously lodged in her classmate's airway; and

WHEREAS, A Girl Scout with Heimlich maneuver experience, Sarah Martinez immediately rushed to administer the life saving Heimlich maneuver to eject the candy from her classmate's wind pipe; and

WHEREAS, After performing this heroic life saving action, Sarah Martinez resumed her normal academic routine; and

WHEREAS, The courageous and quick actions of Sarah Martinez, accomplished with distinguished bravery, provide an excellent role model for her fellow students and are an inspiration to her classmates, friends, family and all fellow New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Through her voluntary commitment to respond as a concerned citizen, and to protect and safeguard the safety and welfare of her classmates and community, Sarah Martinez has unselfishly contributed to the advancement of that spirit of united purpose and shared concern which is the cornerstone of community life in this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when an act of such heroism is brought to our official attention, the same should be memorialized for the edification and emulation of all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Sarah Martinez for her heroic action upon the occasion of saving the life of a sixth grade classmate and becoming a role model for her fellow students; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sarah Martinez.