

## 2011-J5459

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Kaitlin Monte for her many outstanding achievements and accomplishments, and for bringing pride to the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for others to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Kaitlin Monte for her many outstanding achievements and accomplishments, and for bringing pride to the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Within every community there exist certain individuals who through hard work, dedication, and service, play an instrumental role in making their community a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, Kaitlin Monte is a non-profit leader, professional stage actress and national advocate for anti-bullying and youth leadership; and

WHEREAS, At age 16, Kaitlin Monte began her freshman year of college after being accepted to Clarkson University on academic merit; she later transferred to the University of Tampa where she graduated with a bachelor's degree three months after turning 19; and

WHEREAS, Kaitlin Monte is a noted speaker addressing issues of leadership, youth empowerment, bullying, suicide awareness and women's development for such organizations as New York University, Pricewaterhouse Cooper, United Federation of Teachers, St. Johns University, and hundreds of schools across New York and the United States; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, Kaitlin Monte won the title of Miss New York and began advocating her anti-bullying platform in schools and communities

across the country; she is an official spokesperson for WiredSafety.org, STOPCyberbullying.org, We're Kickin' It and Teenangels; she also serves as a partner with The Farley Project and has worked with additional organizations including The Ophelia Project, The Bully Project, and All About Bullies Big and Small; and

WHEREAS, Also in 2011, Kaitlin Monte launched the first-ever Cyberbully Census; she founded the New York Cyberbully Petition in honor of Jamey Rodemeyer and has since received over 3,000 signatures internationally; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Kaitlin Monte works with the New York State School Boards Association to assist with the implementation of the Dignity for All Students Act; moreover, she helped launch Project Empower and now serves as full-time Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, This global education non-profit provides free career and life skill development programming to schools and students, reaching nearly 100 students in its first five months; and

WHEREAS, Kaitlin Monte was selected as the 2012 Civil Honoree by the Queens community; she has been granted Honorary Membership with the Teenangels; and

WHEREAS, As a distinguished speaker, Kaitlin Monte has served as the keynote speaker for NYU's Women's Leadership Conference and has provided staff leadership development at Pricewaterhouse Cooper; and

WHEREAS, Since 2009, Kaitlin Monte has been performing with the USO Liberty Bells, the official show troupe for the USO; the Liberty Bells are a professional group of Broadway and Off-Broadway performers who travel the world to perform and raise support for our men and women in uniform; and

WHEREAS, Kaitlin Monte made her broadcast debut hosting New Years Eve in Times Square in 2010 with the Times Square Alliance, and in 2010 became a proud member of Actors Equity Association; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend individ-

uals of outstanding character, who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by both peers and young people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Kaitlin Monte for her many outstanding achievements and accomplishments, and for bringing pride to the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kaitlin Monte.