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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael Mongiello upon the occasion of his selection as the Way to Go student by NEWSDAY

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 best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michael Mongiello upon the occasion of his selection as the Way to Go student by NEWSDAY; and

WHEREAS, Michael Mongiello is a fifth grade student at Dogwood Elementary School in Smithtown, New York; and

WHEREAS, This spring, Michael Mongiello raised significant funds through donations from family and friends, and then shaved his head to support the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a childhood cancer society; and

WHEREAS, Michael Mongiello raised the funds by sending out emails, distributing fliers and promoting his effort on Facebook; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Michael Mongiello wore a pin with the phrase, "Ask Me Why I'm Bald" for several weeks following the event in an effort to further educate people about the charity; and

WHEREAS, Michael Mongiello is a member of his school's Peanut Butter Gang, a student group that provides care packages to less fortunate people in his local community; and

WHEREAS, Michael Mongiello is also a member of the student council and plays trumpet, lacrosse and football; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Michael Mongiello upon the occasion of his selection as the Way to Go student by NEWSDAY; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Michael Mongiello.