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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Lelina Chang of Great Neck, New York, upon the occasion of capturing several Miss Teen pageant awards

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those young people who, by achieving outstanding success in their competitive endeavors have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is also the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the dedication and commitment of our young people who distinguish themselves through excellence in statewide contests; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Lelina Chang of Great Neck, New York, upon the occasion of capturing several Miss Teen pageant awards; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Lelina Chang won the Miss Teen New York International People's Choice Award, as well as the Miss Teen New York International Miss Photogenic Award; in addition, she placed in the top three at the Miss Teen New York International Pageant; and

WHEREAS, At the International Pageant, Lelina Chang entered as Miss Teen North Shore, competing against regional winners from all over New York State; and

WHEREAS, Lelina Chang is a junior at Great Neck South High School; in addition to competing in pageant events, she is a very active student, always giving back much to her school; and

WHEREAS, Currently secretary of Great Neck South High, vice president of the Science Olympiad Club, vice president of the girls varsity club, and secretary of the Key Club, Lelina Chang is also the news editor of her school newspaper; and

WHEREAS, A competitive athlete as well, Lelina Chang has been on the varsity cross country, varsity lacrosse and the First Team USA Fencing All-Academic teams; she also qualified for the fencing summer nationals and has won fencing medals in Long Island tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Lelina Chang's passion is science research; she began conducting disease-oriented research at the Feinstein Institute for

Medical Research as a freshman and hopes to continue work in this field throughout her high school and college career; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Lelina Chang placed first at the Long Island Science Congress in 2010, second at the Research Association Fair in 2012 and third at the New York State Science and Engineering Fair in 2012; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to celebrate the individual accomplishments of remarkable young people in state-wide competitions in this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize and applaud Lelina Chang for her noteworthy endeavors and achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Lelina Chang of Great Neck, New York, upon the occasion of capturing several Miss Teen pageants; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lelina Chang.