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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Caitlyn Gerardi upon the occasion of winning First Prize in the 2015 B'nai B'rith Capital Area Holocaust Essay Contest

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Caitlyn Gerardi upon the occasion of winning First Prize in the 2015 B'nai B'rith Capital Area Holocaust Essay Contest; she will be honored at a ceremony at the Golub Community Room, Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York, Albany, New York, on Wednesday, June 10, 2015; and

WHEREAS, For almost 20 years, the B'nai B'rith Capital Area Holocaust Essay Contest has worked to honor the memory of the victims of the Holocaust by reaching out to young people in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Sponsored by her teacher, Michelle Nietfeld, Caitlyn Gerardi is a student at Loudonville Christian School; this remarkable student achieved first prize for her outstanding essay on "How do we know that the Holocaust occurred, and what is the best response to Holocaust denial?"; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this scholar now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by her teachers and parents; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individ-

uals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Caitlyn Gerardi upon the occasion of winning First Prize in the 2015 B'nai B'rith Capital Area Holocaust Essay Contest; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Caitlyn Gerardi.