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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Delana Bonci upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Columbia County Middle School Youth Leadership Award by the Columbia County Youth Bureau on May 7, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to act, in accordance 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 Delana Bonci upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Columbia County Middle School Youth Leadership Award by the Columbia County Youth Bureau, celebrated at its 19th Annual Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 7, 2015, at the Hudson Elks Lodge; and

WHEREAS, For 35 years, the Columbia County Youth Bureau has done an excellent job of planning, coordinating, and supplementing activities for the youth of the county; one of their objectives is to recognize outstanding young men and women who are role models to their peers and deserve to be honored for their leadership, good works, and commitment to their community; and

WHEREAS, Nominated by her Middle School Counselor, Delana Bonci is in the seventh grade at Taconic Hills Middle School; this outstanding young woman was a Girl Scout for six years, and participates in the Columbia County 4H Club, as well as the New York State Senate Youth Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Delana Bonci was elected President of the Taconic Hills Elementary School Student Council in 2013-2014; in this capacity, she implemented new cafeteria lunches on behalf of her fellow students, and addressed school cafeteria health concerns; and

WHEREAS, Delana Bonci is actively involved in many sports programs, including Taconic Hills Youth Soccer and Basketball, Taconic Hills Little League, and both softball and field hockey; and

WHEREAS, An exceptional student, Delana Bonci was the recipient of numerous educational awards such as the President's GOLD Education Excellence Award, the Science Fair Top 10 Award, and top average awards in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading, and Physical Education; in addition, she has consistently earned a place on the High Honor Roll since 2013; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the well-being of her community, Delana Bonci volunteers her time and energies to various activities including caroling at the Pine Haven Nursing Home, and collecting and donating resources to the Columbia Greene Humane Society; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Delana Bonci was actively involved in many fundraising efforts for worthy causes such as Out of the Darkness, and awareness for Lupus, Multiple Sclerosis, and Breast Cancer; and

WHEREAS, Delana Bonci is a credit to her family, school, community, and her State and Nation, and it is certain that her future will be filled with accomplishments of equal importance; 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, coaches and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Delana Bonci upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Columbia County Middle School Youth Leadership Award by the Columbia County Youth Bureau; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Delana Bonci.