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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Morgan Elizabeth Heyward upon the occasion of being selected as a member of the Albany 2015 Tulip Queen Court

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 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 congratulate Morgan Elizabeth Heyward upon the occasion of being selected as a member of the Albany 2015 Tulip Queen Court celebrated at a ceremony at the 67th Annual Albany Tulip Festival on Saturday, May 9, 2015, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Tulip Queen serves as Albany's Ambassador for one full year of reign; she and her court will spend the year involved in volunteer service projects, including the Mayor's Literacy Campaign, which strives to promote the value of reading to children; and

WHEREAS, The Tulip Queen and Court have teamed up with the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region to create a trust fund for future Tulip Queens and Courts to award grants to local literacy organizations; each Queen and Court develops initiatives to further their goals and attends numerous events throughout the year focusing on education and community awareness; and

WHEREAS, An Albany native, Morgan Elizabeth Heyward is a freshman at Russell Sage College working toward a degree in Theater; and

WHEREAS, Currently, this esteemed young woman enjoys reading, writing poetry, acting and working backstage for theater productions; and

WHEREAS, In her role as a member of the 2015 Albany Tulip Queen Court,

Morgan Elizabeth Heyward looks forward to conducting numerous service activities, as well as creating an initiative using literature, film and art to support diversity and educate children about other cultures; and

WHEREAS, Morgan Elizabeth Heyward has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; her volunteer experience includes tutoring children, and working with the Regional Food Bank, Albany Police Athletic League, soup kitchens and local animal shelters; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Morgan Elizabeth Heyward has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this young woman 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, Morgan Elizabeth Heyward represents the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; she has brought enduring honor to her family and her community through her many achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Morgan Elizabeth Heyward upon the occasion of being selected as a member of the Albany 2015 Tulip Queen Court, and to wish her success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Morgan Elizabeth Heyward.