

## 2015-J4044

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending John Iacona upon the occasion of his designation as a Distinguished Finalist in the 21st Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program

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, John Iacona has distinguished himself as a young man of superlative ability, establishing a high standard of community service, purposefulness of life, and sense of responsibility rarely achieved in youthful years; and

WHEREAS, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, created in 1995 by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), are designed to emphasize the importance our Nation places on service to others, and to encourage all young Americans to contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, John Iacona, an esteemed resident of Elmont, New York, and a junior at Sewanhaka High School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to their communities; and

WHEREAS, John Iacona earned this award by founding his school's recycling club and, with the redemption of 80,000 water bottles, raising significant funds to benefit local veterans; and

WHEREAS, The success of the State of New York, the strength of our communities, and the vitality of American society depend, in great meas-

ure, upon the dedication of young people like John lacona, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor John lacona, commending him for his outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community service, recognizing the value of his labors and the promise of his future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations, with praise and pride, to commend John lacona for his achievements and to extend to him the best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John lacona.