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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Maria Isabela do Couto upon the occasion of being named a New York Academic Scholar by USA Today and Phi Theta Kappa on March 8, 2016

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Maria Isabela do Couto upon the occasion of being named a New York Academic Scholar by USA Today and Phi Theta Kappa; the New York Community College Association of Presidents (NYCCAP) will honor her at a luncheon on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at the New York State Museum, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Phi Theta Kappa is a fraternal organization with a mission to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization works diligently to provide opportunities for the development of leadership and service, to create an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas, to encourage fellowship for scholars, and to stimulate interest in continuing academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, Maria Isabela do Couto, a student at Westchester Community College, is being honored for her outstanding academic performance and service to her college and community; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Maria Isabela do Couto holds the position of Vice President of Honors In Action of Phi Theta Kappa and is an officer of the Alpha Beta Gamma Business Honor Society; in addition, she has participated in Commit to Change, a leadership and social change program; and

WHEREAS, Outside of school, Maria Isabela do Couto is an active volun-

teer at Hospice in Norwalk, Connecticut, and at Our Lady of Victory Church, where she helps organize festivals and fundraisers; 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; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend individuals such as Maria Isabela do Couto who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by their peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Maria Isabela do Couto upon the occasion of being named a New York Academic Scholar by USA Today and Phi Theta Kappa on March 8, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Maria Isabela do Couto.