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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dimple Belani upon the occasion of being named a 2016 New York Top Volunteer 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, Dimple Belani has distinguished herself as a young woman 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, Dimple Belani, an esteemed resident of Bellerose, New York, and a senior at Bronx High School of Science, 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, Dimple Belani earned this award by producing a series of episodes for a public television station featuring interviews with accomplished women to inspire young girls to pursue higher education and their dream careers; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by her 2012 trip to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in London, Dimple Belani embarked on a project which incorporated the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals of promoting gender equality and empowering women; 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 Dimple Belani, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations, with praise and pride, to commend Dimple Belani for her achievements and to extend to her 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 Dimple Belani.