

## 2015-J5457

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Thomas Vestuto upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Thomas Vestuto upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award in the 21st Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Vestuto 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, A Carle Place High School senior and president of the school's Key Club, Thomas Vestuto has been honored for his exemplary volunteer service with a certificate of excellence from the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards; and

WHEREAS, Granted by the program on behalf of President Barack Obama, Thomas Vestuto is being recognized with the organization's highest honor, the President's Volunteer Service Award; this prestigious award

honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to their communities; and

WHEREAS, The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country; award recipients are chosen based upon criteria including personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, The success of the State of New York, the strength of our communities, and the vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Thomas Vestuto, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Thomas Vestuto, 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 Thomas Vestuto 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 Thomas Vestuto.