

## 2015-J5673

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Hope Breslin upon the occasion of being named the 2015-2016 Gatorade New York State Girls Soccer Player of the Year

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the State of New York who, by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought pride to their school and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Hope Breslin of Massapequa, New York, upon the occasion of being named the 2015-2016 Gatorade New York State Girls Soccer Player of the Year, by the Gatorade Company in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports; and

WHEREAS, In its 31st year, the Gatorade Youth Awards Program selects one high school winner from each of the 50 states and District of Columbia in a vast array of sports; this illustrious award recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and character both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, A Junior at Massapequa High School, Hope Breslin is an exemplary member of the Massapequa community; she has represented her school well both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, This talented and hard-working student-athlete led her team to their historic third straight Class AA State Championship, scoring 27 goals and passing for 10 assists during the season; an All-East Region selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, she was named both the New York State Class AA Player of the Year and the Long Island Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Hope Breslin led her team, the Massapequa Chiefs, to a number

three ranking nationally in the NSCAA/USA TODAY Super 25; she was also named Most Valuable Player during the play-offs last year; and

WHEREAS, Active in giving back to her community, Hope Breslin is a peer mentor, and has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics, youth soccer programs and Best Buddies International; and

WHEREAS, With this distinction, Hope Breslin joins an elite alumni association of famous past State award winners including Derek Jeter, Candace Parker, Alexi Lalas, Heather O'Reilly and Mark Sanchez; she is also the fourth Gatorade New York State Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Massapequa High School; and

WHEREAS, Hope Breslin has distinguished herself academically by maintaining an A average in her studies, and has committed as a sophomore to play soccer at Big 10's University of Illinois in the Fall of 2017; and

WHEREAS, Hope Breslin has been given this exceptional award for her impact and versatility on and off the soccer field, and for her outstanding leadership, sportsmanship, athletic excellence, academic achievement, and exemplary character; 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Hope Breslin upon the occasion of being named the 2015-2016 Gatorade New York State Girls Soccer Player of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Hope Breslin.