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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Miss New York, Jamie Lynn Macchia, upon the occasion of being crowned Miss New York 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, to honor today's young people, the 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 congratulate Miss New York, Jamie Lynn Macchia, upon the occasion of being crowned Miss New York 2015 on June 6, 2015, in Staten Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Lynn Macchia, a native of Staten Island, earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Arts Administration and Marketing from Wagner College, where she was a vital member of the Competitive Dance Team and the ODK National Leadership Honor Society; in addition, she was a proud sister of the Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Miss New York 2015 Jamie Lynn Macchia is embracing her year of service with the ideals and tradition that have been the fabric of the Miss America organization since its inception in 1921; and

WHEREAS, For almost 100 years, the Miss America Organization has been one of the nation's leading achievement programs and one of the world's largest providers of scholarship assistance for young women, including the Miss New York Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Lynn Macchia is living the American dream, serving as an inspiration to young women everywhere that dreams can come true especially when you seek to serve your community and place others before yourself; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Lynn Macchia proudly employs the influence her Miss New

York title carries to raise awareness and funds for child cancer research, with the launch of her Inspiring Action Against Pediatric Cancer campaign; and

WHEREAS, After the death of her best friend to leukemia at the young age of 15, Jamie Lynn Macchia joined forces with the Pediatric Cancer Foundation, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Gianna Nicole's Heart of Hope and The Truth 365 to help raise money for the necessary research to give children a fighting chance against these deadly diseases; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her reign as Miss New York, Jamie Lynn Macchia has continued to campaign for MoreThan4 percent, which is the only amount of federal funding for cancer research which is allocated to all childhood cancers combined; through her steadfast and committed efforts, she has helped raise significant funds for various charity organizations; and

WHEREAS, As Miss New York, Jamie Lynn Macchia served as co-Chair of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk and has received numerous prestigious awards and accolades for her dedicated work including the Miss America Community Service Award, the Miracle Maker Award by the Children's Miracle Network and the 20 Under 40 Award by the SIEDC; and

WHEREAS, Young women from across our great Nation from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds aspire to such lofty goals, the pursuit of which molds and transforms these young women in an exemplary manner; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Lynn Macchia exemplifies the potential inherent in our young women; she is an outstanding role model for her peers and for the young people with whom she works and stands with poise and purpose to face the challenges of new experiences; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Miss New York, Jamie Lynn Macchia, upon the occasion of being crowned Miss New York 2015, with the anticipation of her continued exemplary representation of the people of this great Empire State; and

be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Miss New York 2015 Jamie Lynn Macchia.