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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Eugene Scott upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Student of the Year 2014 Award by the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor individuals whose character and achievements exemplify the ideals and values cherished by the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to commend Eugene Scott upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Student of the Year 2014 Award by the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education (NYACCE); he will be honored at its 31st Annual Student Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at The Clarion Century House, Latham, New York; and

WHEREAS, The goals of NYACCE are to achieve professional recognition of adult continuing and community education in New York State, and to provide quality life-long learning to everyone; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Scott embodies the principles of hard work, determination, resourcefulness, and commitment that exemplify the tremendous worth of adult continuing education, and characterizes what is best in the residents of the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Scott is a young man who turned a potentially life-shattering event into an opportunity for personal growth; scheduled to graduate in June 2012, he was arrested in front of his classmates at Middletown High School, and sent to Orange County Jail; and

WHEREAS, This resilient New Yorker made the most of his restricted time and enrolled in the Orange-Ulster BOCES Incarcerated Education Program; he was an exemplary student, earning "Student of the Month" honors, as well as the respect and admiration of the program staff and

administration for his prodigious work ethic, calm disposition, and respectful nature; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Scott continued on his future-focused track when he was released from the facility; he enrolled in the Orange-Ulster BOCES Second Chances Youth Program in Middletown, New York, quickly earned his high school equivalency diploma, and then enrolled in the Orange-Ulster BOCES Certified Nursing Assistant Program; and

WHEREAS, Motivated to enter the nursing field by caring for his elderly father, Eugene Scott excelled in the program; in the clinical setting he was empathetic, compassionate, and demonstrated a high degree of personal integrity, took on every task, and served as a team leader to his classmates, taking care to encourage others; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Scott gained employment immediately after receiving his nursing assistant certification on August 21, 2013, but his unremitting commitment to achievement has propelled him beyond that role; he is currently enrolled in an Emergency Medical Technician program, and aspires to enter a Pre-Med program in the very near future; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Scott is a true role model for others, and a powerful reminder that we can change the course of our lives; in his overcoming obstacles through hard work, perseverance and a positive vision for the future, he is an inspiration to us all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Eugene Scott upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Student of the Year 2014 Award by the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eugene Scott.