

## 2015-J5127

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Andrew Martinez upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a 2016 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

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 best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Andrew Martinez upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a 2016 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence; and

WHEREAS, The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence is the highest student recognition in the State University of New York (SUNY) system; and

WHEREAS, The State University of New York is the largest comprehensive university system in the United States, educating more than 468,000 students in more than 7,500 degree and certificate programs on 64 campuses, with more than 3 million alumni around the globe; and

WHEREAS, The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence was created in 1998 to recognize students who have demonstrated, and have been recognized for, the integration of academic excellence with accomplishments in the areas of leadership, athletics, community service and performing arts or career achievement; and

WHEREAS, Each campus establishes a selection committee, which reviews exemplary members of that college community who are graduating; nominees are then forwarded to the Chancellor's Office and are subject to a second round of review; finalists are then recommended to the Chancellor to become recipients of the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence; and

WHEREAS, Students honored with the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, such as Andrew Martinez, who is majoring in Criminal Justice at SUNY Sullivan, truly embody the power of SUNY; as proven leaders and role models, scholar athletes, creative artists, and civic volunteers, each student is recognized not just for academic achievement, but also for the profound impact they have on college campuses and local communities across New York State; and

WHEREAS, Overcoming much adversity, Andrew Martinez, a USMC reservist, attended high school, participating in football, wrestling, and music programs; he also participated as a member of SUNY Sullivan's wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Andrew Martinez volunteered hundreds of hours to the college athletics department for charity events, as well as to a local political campaign; he will be pursuing his bachelor's degree in homeland security and disaster management this fall; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Martinez stands poised on the threshold of a broad and challenging world, a testament to the love and nurturing care of his family, friends and school; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to honor Andrew Martinez, a young man and able scholar, 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 to honor Andrew Martinez upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a 2016 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, to commend him for his outstanding academic achievement, and to extend to him the best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being, fully confident of his response to a promising future and

appreciative of the model he represents for all aspiring young people of this great Empire State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrew Martinez.