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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of Clarence High School, in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor the youth of today -- 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 recognize and commend the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of Clarence High School, in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments; and WHEREAS, Clarence High School's 2016 Valedictorian is Kazuki Kanehira, and its 2016 Salutatorian is Alyssa Sheedy, both of whom are being commended for their outstanding academic performances and exemplary achievements; and

WHEREAS, A talented artist, Kazuki Kanehira is a member of the National Art Honor Society and Art Partners; he is the recipient of the Best Painting Award at the Congressional Art Competition, and received the Pepper Visual Arts Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Math Club, Kazuki Kanehira was named an AP Scholar; after graduation, he plans on attending Davidson College; and WHEREAS, An exceptional student, Alyssa Sheedy is a member of the National Honor Society, and was named an AP Scholar; in addition, she was a strong competitor in the Roswell Park Cancer Institute Junior Robotic Surgeon Challenge; after graduation, she plans on studying both Biochemistry and Spanish at college; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding athlete, Alyssa Sheedy is a member of the cheerleading squad; dedicated to her school community, she serves on the

Student Council and attended the Leadership Academy, as well as participates in the Hearts of Hope Club; and

WHEREAS, Kazuki Kanehira and Alyssa Sheedy may now stand with pride as they assess their achievements, experience the satisfaction of their labors and the joy of their accomplishments, eager to face the new experiences of a challenging world; and

WHEREAS, These exceptional students of Clarence High School represent the best of developed potential inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; their achievements have brought enduring honor to their families and communities and should be recognized and saluted; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those students of outstanding character, who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by their peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of Clarence High School, in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments, and to extend to them the best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kazuki Kanehira and Alyssa Sheedy.