

2017-J1733

Senate Resolution No. 1733

BY: Senator BRESLIN

COMMENDING Andrew Taylor upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Youth Award by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Andrew Taylor upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Youth Award by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce to be celebrated at its Annual Awards Dinner on Friday, April 28, 2017, at the Colonie Golf and Country Club in Colonie, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1957, the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce works on a local and regional level to advance economic development and foster a positive business environment; it offers resources for residents, business, recreation and relocation in Bethlehem and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce's Youth Award recognizes young residents who have contributed to the region either through

business or volunteer endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Taylor, a Delmar resident and senior at Bethlehem Central High School, is a driven student and vital part of his community; he is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and has been accepted to Penn State to study criminology in the fall of 2017; and

WHEREAS, An exceptional athlete, Andrew Taylor plays volleyball on the Bethlehem Central High's Varsity Team as well as club volleyball with Sporting Albany Volleyball Club, where he serves as a down referee and scorekeeper; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Andrew Taylor has been a participant of the Elsmere Fire Company's Youth program as a Fire Explorer; in 2016, he transitioned to Firefighter, responding to 53 fire calls and participating in over 160 hours of training and community service; additionally, he presented a brief to other Fire Explorers on the command system, and remains CPR/AED and First Aid Certified; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Andrew Taylor holds a part-time job at a local business, and has received Most Improved Employee recognition for his committed and dependable work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Andrew Taylor has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend young individuals 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 both peers and

young people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Andrew Taylor upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Youth Award by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

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