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Senate Resolution No. 2402

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING Lili DeGraw upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Senior Scholar Humanities Award by the Orange-Ulster BOCES on April 27, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, to honor the achievements of its young citizens and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and accomplishments exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lili DeGraw upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Senior Scholar Humanities Award by the Orange-Ulster BOCES which was celebrated at its Fourth Annual Awards Breakfast, on Thursday, April 27, 2017, at Kuhl's Highland House, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award recognizes outstanding high school students for their accomplishments and/or performances in the arts, including fine arts, theater, and music; and

WHEREAS, Lili DeGraw has distinguished herself as a young woman of superlative ability, talent, and maturity, establishing standards of excellence and achievement, purposefulness of life, and responsibility

rarely achieved in youthful years; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Port Jervis High School, in Port Jervis, New York, Lili DeGraw will be attending SUNY Potsdam/Crane School of Music in Potsdam, New York, this fall; she plans to major in both Music Performance and Biology; and

WHEREAS, Lili DeGraw is currently the treasurer of the Port Jervis High School Music Department, Bb Clarinet Section leader of the Symphonic Band, and a member of the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her high school career, Lili DeGraw has participated in countless performances including the Area All-State Music Festival and All-County Music Festival, where last year she was first chair of the Honors Band and this year she was second chair of the Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Lili DeGraw participated in the Susquehanna University Honors Festival where she held the esteemed position of first chair for both the Honors Band, and the Hudson Valley Honors Youth Wind Ensemble; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding role model for her classmates, Lili DeGraw has brought honor to her family, school, and community; and

WHEREAS, Lili DeGraw may stand with pride in her achievements, experiencing the satisfaction of her labors and the joy of her accomplishments, eager to face the challenge of new experiences as she continues her education; and

WHEREAS, Lili DeGraw represents the potential inherent in our most

precious resource, our youth; this Legislative Body is pleased to honor this young woman, recognizing her achievements and the promise of her future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lili DeGraw upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Senior Scholar Humanities Award by the Orange-Ulster BOCES, and to wish her well in her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lili DeGraw.