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Senate Resolution No. 2404

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING Elijah Gardner upon the occasion of his 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 Elijah Gardner upon the occasion of his 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, Elijah Gardner has distinguished himself as a young man 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 S.S. Seward Institute in Florida, New York, Elijah Gardner will be attending SUNY Cortland in Cortland, New York, this fall; he plans to major in adolescent education; and

WHEREAS, Elijah Gardner is currently the treasurer of S.S. Seward Institute's Art Club as well as an active member of the school's drama club for two years, where he has helped the Middle School drama club with backstage preparation; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his high school career, Elijah Gardner received numerous distinctions including the Sojourner Truth Award and the President's Honor Award; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding role model for his classmates, Elijah Gardner has brought honor to his family, school, and community; and

WHEREAS, Elijah Gardner may stand with pride in his achievements, experiencing the satisfaction of his labors and the joy of his accomplishments, eager to face the challenge of new experiences as he continues his education; and

WHEREAS, Elijah Gardner represents the potential inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; this Legislative Body is pleased to honor this young man, recognizing his achievements and the promise of his future; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elijah Gardner.