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Senate Resolution No. 4029

BY: Senator LARKIN

COMMENDING Supriya Makam upon the occasion of being named a Distinguished Finalist for New York's Top Youth Volunteers of 2018 by National Program

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

WHEREAS, Supriya Makam has distinguished herself as a young woman of superlative ability, establishing a high standard of community service, purposefulness of life, and sense of responsibility rarely achieved in youthful years; and

WHEREAS, Supriya Makam of Newburgh, New York, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by being named a Distinguished Finalist for New York's Top Youth Volunteers of 2018 by National Program; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award recognizes young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; Supriya Makam is truly deserving of this honor; and

WHEREAS, As a Distinguished Finalist, Supriya Makam received a

certificate, and a letter from the President of the United States, and will receive an engraved bronze medallion; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Newburgh Free Academy, Supriya Makam established Educate Without Borders in 2013; this vital non-profit organization strives to foster a love of learning in local children through fun activities, book reading, and other special events; and

WHEREAS, Supriya Makam also conducted extensive research on the availability of suboxone, an addiction medication which blocks heroin and opioid withdrawal and cravings for the drugs; currently, there are only 25-30 suboxone providers in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, The success of the State of New York, the strength of our communities, and the vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Supriya Makam, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Supriya Makam, commending her for her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community service and recognizing the value of her labors and the promise of her future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations, with praise and pride, to commend Supriya Makam for her achievements and to extend to her the best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being, fully confident of her response to the challenges of a promising future and appreciative of the model she represents for all young people of the Empire State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Supriya Makam.