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Senate Resolution No. 4032

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 25th Anniversary of the Young
Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which are committed to enhancing the quality of education in the State of New York, and which offer excellent educational programs in the most efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program, to be celebrated with a dinner on Tuesday, March 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1993 with Utica College and the Utica City School District, the Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program (YSLPP) is a multi-year collaborative project designed by education professionals to motivate diverse and talented students to stay in school, earn a New York State Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation, and pursue post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, Young Scholars students participate in a comprehensive program providing academic, social and cultural enrichment; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program serves more than 350 students from grades seven through 12, selected for possessing the potential for success, but who may not achieve their full potential due to social and economic risk factors; and

WHEREAS, To increase effectiveness and provide ongoing support, parents and guardians are encouraged to take part in program activities and are afforded the opportunity to pursue their own personal development through Utica College undergraduate courses and specially planned workshops; and

WHEREAS, Through educational and social skills development, the Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program enriches the community by motivating students to achieve college and career readiness for life-long success; and

WHEREAS, With an average 94% graduation rate, the Class of 2017 was the third in program history to have a 100% graduation rate; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 25-year history, the Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff and volunteers, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this

Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program.