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Senate Resolution No. 4392

BY: Senator RANZENHOFER

HONORING Gerald Gillis, III upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gerald Gillis, III of East Amherst, New York, upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence by the State University of New York (SUNY) to be celebrated at a ceremony on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at the Albany Capital Center, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence is the highest student recognition in the SUNY system, created in 1998 to recognize students who have demonstrated, and have been recognized for, the integration of academic excellence with accomplishments in the areas of leadership, athletics, community service and performing arts or career achievement; and

WHEREAS, The State University of New York is the largest

comprehensive university system in the United States, educating more than 468,000 students in more than 7,500 degree and certificate programs on 63 campuses, with more than three million alumni around the globe; and

WHEREAS, Each campus establishes a selection committee, which reviews exemplary members of that college community who are graduating; nominees are then forwarded to the Chancellor's Office and are subject to a second round of review; finalists are then recommended to the Chancellor to become recipients of the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence; and

WHEREAS, Students honored with the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, such as Gerald Gillis, III who attends SUNY Niagara County Community College, truly empower the body of SUNY; as proven leaders and role models, scholar athletes, creative artists, and civic volunteers, each student is recognized not just for academic achievement, but also for the profound impact they have on college campuses and local communities across New York State; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Gillis, III stands poised on the threshold of a broad and challenging world; a testament to the love and nurturing care of his family, friends and school; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Gerald Gillis, III, a young man and able scholar, recognizing the value of his labors and the promise of his future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gerald Gillis, III upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, to commend him for his outstanding academic achievement and to extend to him the

best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being, fully confident of his response to a promising future and appreciative of the model he represents for all aspiring young people of the Empire State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gerald Gillis, III.