Senate Resolution No. 5256

BY: Senator JACOBS

HONORING Nicole Avitah-Curtis upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Academic Excellence Award by the Orchard Park Foundation on June 6, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Nicole Avitah-Curtis upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Academic Excellence Award by the Orchard Park Foundation to be celebrated at its Annual Volunteer Awards Dinner on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, at Mangia's Restaurant in Orchard Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, The awards dinner was established in 2008 to recognize members of the community who foster and support the mission of the Orchard Park Foundation for Academic Excellence (OPFAE), which is to enhance the educational experience of students in the Orchard Park School District by supporting extraordinary experiences and opportunities in academics, athletics and the arts; and WHEREAS, A student at Ellicott Elementary School, Nicole Avitah-Curtis is truly deserving of this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who volunteer their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Service to community and country is the foundation of our society, and the contributions and future efforts of those in service to them are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of our communities; and

WHEREAS, With her sense of civic duty and her commitment to others, Nicole Avitah-Curtis represents the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Nicole Avitah-Curtis upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Academic Excellence Award by the Orchard Park Foundation on June 6, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nicole Avitah-Curtis.