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Senate Resolution No. 5408

BY: Senator JACOBS

CONGRATULATING the 2018 Valedictorian and Salutatorian of Mount St. Mary Academy, in recognition of their exceptional accomplishments

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor the youth of today, the leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the 2018 Valedictorian and Salutatorian of Mount St. Mary Academy, in recognition of their exceptional accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Mount St. Mary Academy's 2018 Valedictorian is Anna Botticello, and the 2018 Salutatorian is Catherine Lippert, both of whom are being commended for their outstanding academic performances and exemplary achievements; and

WHEREAS, A resident of the Town of Tonawanda, Anna Botticello earned a 99.77 average throughout her four years at Mount St. Mary Academy; after graduating, she plans to study creative writing at Hamilton College; and

WHEREAS, Anna Botticello has been a vital part of her school, serving as an officer of several school clubs including Discover Japan Club, Writing Club and Book Club; in 2017, she was the recipient of the prestigious Harvard Prize Book Award; and

WHEREAS, Salutatorian Catherine Lippert lives in Grand Island, New York, and maintained a 98.97 average throughout her four years at Mount St. Mary Academy; in the fall, she will attend Duquesne University to pursue a degree as a physician's assistant; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Lippert holds the title of Chief Financial Officer for an award-winning student business called Essence; she has also been a leader of both the Student Council and Service Club, and served as Captain of the Girls Varsity Lacrosse and Volleyball teams during her senior year; and

WHEREAS, Anna Botticello and Catherine Lippert may now stand with pride as they assess their achievements, experience the satisfaction of their labors and the joy of their accomplishments, eager to face the new experiences of the challenging world; and

WHEREAS, These two bright and extraordinary students represent the best of developed potential inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; their achievements have brought enduring honor to their families and communities and should be recognized and saluted; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those students of remarkable character, who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by their peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the 2018 Valedictorian and Salutatorian of Mount St. Mary Academy, in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments, and to extend to them the best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anna Botticello and Catherine Lippert.