

Senate Resolution No. 1901

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING Nathanael Linton upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2017 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Nathanael Linton upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2017 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence celebrated at an Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence is the highest student recognition in the State University of New York (SUNY) system; 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 64 campuses, with more than three million alumni around the globe; and

WHEREAS, The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence was 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, 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 Nathanael Linton, who is majoring in liberal arts with a political science focus at SUNY Orange, truly embody the power 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, An exceptional student, Nathanael Linton was the recipient of the Presidents' Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement, and is a vital member of the Honors Program, where he serves as a mentor for freshman students; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Nathanael Linton serves as the student representative to the SUNY Orange Foundation Board of Directors and holds a seat on the college's Honors Advisory Board; he has also been selected twice to represent the college at the Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference; and

WHEREAS, Nathanael Linton is an enthusiastic member of his Middletown, New York, community; he graciously donates his time and energies to the Warwick Food Pantry during the holiday season; and

WHEREAS, A faithful participant of the Eternal Life Tabernacle Apostolic Mission, Nathanael Linton enjoys teaching Sunday School classes and plays keyboard with the choir; and

WHEREAS, As Nathanael Linton takes his leave of SUNY Orange, he bequeaths a legacy of academic achievement, school involvement and community service to which others may aspire; and

WHEREAS, Nathanael Linton 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 proud to honor Nathanael Linton, 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 Nathanael Linton upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2017 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 this great Empire State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nathanael Linton.