

Senate Resolution No. 1902

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING Ramsey Marte upon the occasion of her 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 Ramsey Marte upon the occasion of her 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 Ramsey Marte, who is majoring in liberal arts with a pre-medical 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, Ramsey Marte is a vital member of the Honors Program, where she tutors fellow students and assists with various events; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey Marte is an enthusiastic member of her Middletown, New York, community; she graciously donates her time and energies to the local food bank, and the library where she helps elementary children with their schoolwork; and

WHEREAS, A faithful participant of her church, Ramsey Marte enjoys mentoring the young people of her congregation as the Youth Vice President, Youth Worship Assistant Leader and Dance Leader; and

WHEREAS, As Ramsey Marte takes her leave of SUNY Orange, she bequeaths a legacy of academic achievement, school involvement and community service to which others may aspire; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey Marte stands poised on the threshold of a broad and challenging world, a testament to the love and nurturing care of her family, friends and school; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to honor Ramsey Marte, a young woman and able scholar, recognizing the value of her labors and the promise of her future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ramsey Marte upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, to commend her for her outstanding academic achievement, and to extend to her the best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being, fully confident of her response to a promising future and appreciative of the model she 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 Ramsey Marte.