

Senate Resolution No. 1903

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING Carolyn Weller 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 Carolyn Weller 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 Carolyn Weller, who is majoring in liberal arts and music performance 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, Carolyn Weller is the recipient of the President's Scholarship for Academic Achievement and is a vital member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges and academic programs, particularly community colleges and

junior colleges; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Weller also participated in the 2016 NRHC Conference and graciously serves as a mentor to five freshmen in the Honors Program; and

WHEREAS, A young woman of many interests and talents, Carolyn Weller enjoys singing and performing at local venues; while at college, she completed two EPs, having written and performed the lyrics, piano music and vocals; and

WHEREAS, A friend to all, Carolyn Weller has served as a girls youth basketball coach in Circleville, and accompanies youth choral groups to their performances; and

WHEREAS, As Carolyn Weller 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, Carolyn Weller 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 Carolyn Weller, 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 Carolyn Weller 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 Carolyn Weller.