

Senate Resolution No. 1935

BY: Senator JACOBS

HONORING Christina Drakeford upon the occasion of being named a 2017 Merrill Presidential Scholar at Cornell University

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those young people who have inspired and brought pride to this majestic Empire State with their intellectual drive, energetic leadership abilities, strong contributions to their communities and scholastic achievements; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Christina Drakeford upon the occasion of being named a 2017 Merrill Presidential Scholar at Cornell University; and

WHEREAS, Each spring semester, 32 scholars, representing approximately one percent of the graduating class, are chosen by the deans of each of Cornell's seven undergraduate colleges to receive this auspicious award; and

WHEREAS, The scholars, in turn, recognize a high school teacher who most inspired their scholastic development, as well as a Cornell faculty member who most significantly contributed to their college education and experience; and

WHEREAS, A young woman of singular distinction and superlative ability, Christina Drakeford named Laura Howse, Coordinator of the IB Program at Kenmore West High School, as the teacher who made the biggest impact on her high school experience; and

WHEREAS, Christina Drakeford was the valedictorian of the Kenmore West High School Class of 2013, and was among the first graduates of the school's prestigious International Baccalaureate Program; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Cornell University a semester early, Christina Drakeford is currently working as a human resources assistant at Cellino and Barnes in Buffalo, New York, before attending law school in the fall; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, Christina Drakeford now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and inspiration provided by Laura Howse of Kenmore West High School; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when young people of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations, with praise and pride, to honor Christina Drakeford upon the occasion of being named a 2017 Merrill Presidential Scholar at Cornell University, 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 the challenges of a promising future and appreciative of the model she represents for all young people of the Empire State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Christina Drakeford and Laura Howse.