

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMEMORATING** the 25th Anniversary of the Young  
Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which are committed to enhancing the quality of education in the State of New York, and which offer excellent educational programs in the most efficient manner; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program, to be celebrated with a dinner on Tuesday, March 27, 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** Established in 1993 with Utica College and the Utica City School District, the Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program (YSLPP) is a multi-year collaborative project designed by education professionals to motivate diverse and talented students to stay in school, earn a New York State Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation, and pursue post-secondary education; and

**WHEREAS,** Young Scholars students participate in a comprehensive program providing academic, social and cultural enrichment; and

**WHEREAS,** Each year, the Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program serves more than 350 students from grades seven through 12, selected for possessing the potential for success, but who may not achieve their full potential due to social and economic risk factors; and

**WHEREAS,** To increase effectiveness and provide ongoing support, parents and guardians are encouraged to take part in program activities and are afforded the opportunity to pursue their own personal development through Utica College undergraduate courses and specially planned workshops; and

**WHEREAS,** Through educational and social skills development, the Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program enriches the community by motivating students to achieve college and career readiness for life-long success; and

**WHEREAS,** With an average 94% graduation rate, the Class of 2017 was the third in program history to have a 100% graduation rate; and

**WHEREAS,** Over its distinguished 25-year history, the Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

**WHEREAS,** The success of the Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff and volunteers, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by

an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

**WHEREAS,** This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program; and

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

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program.