

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING Samantha Castricone upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Senior Scholar Humanities Award by the Orange-Ulster BOCES on April 26, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, to honor the achievements of its young citizens and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and accomplishments exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Samantha Castricone upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Senior Scholar Humanities Award by the Orange-Ulster BOCES which was celebrated at its Fifth Annual Awards Breakfast, on Thursday, April 26, 2018, at Kuhl's Highland House, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award recognizes outstanding high school students for their accomplishments and/or performances in the arts, including fine arts, theater, and music; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Castricone has distinguished herself as a young woman of superlative ability, talent, and maturity, establishing standards of excellence and achievement, purposefulness of life, and responsibility rarely achieved in youthful years; and

WHEREAS, A senior at George F. Baker High School in Tuxedo Park, New York, Samantha Castricone has not decided which college she plans to attend, but she plans to pursue either a health-related or educational career; she participates in her high school band, chorus, jazz band and drama club; has completed six NYSSMA vocal solos; was a member of a competitive honor choir; and was accepted into the Rockland All-County Chorus; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Castricone has been in five high school musicals and four private musical productions; is a member of George F. Baker High School's Chapter of the National Honor Society; and has played both varsity softball and varsity volleyball; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Samantha Castricone is an active member of her church's youth ministry, as well as serving her church as cantor for a year and participating in many community service projects; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding role model for her classmates, Samantha Castricone has brought honor to her family, school, and community; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Castricone may stand with pride in her achievements, experiencing the satisfaction of her labors and the joy of her accomplishments, eager to face the challenge of new experiences as she continues her education; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Castricone represents the potential inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; this Legislative Body is pleased to honor this young woman, recognizing her achievements and the promise of her future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Samantha Castricone upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Senior Scholar Humanities Award by the Orange-Ulster BOCES, and to wish her well in her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Samantha Castricone.