

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING Matthew Gomes upon the occasion of his 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 Matthew Gomes upon the occasion of his 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, Matthew Gomes has distinguished himself as a young man 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 Goshen High School, Matthew Gomes will be attending SUNY Cortland this fall in Cortland, New York; he plans on majoring in math education and becoming a math teacher; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Matthew Gomes is the Vice President and Tenor II Section Leader of the Varsity, Jazz, and Concert Choirs, treasurer of Drama Club, and founding member of "Goshen Half Steps" Men's Ensemble; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Gomes has participated in three spring musicals and has portrayed a leading role in the last two; he has also been a member of Concert, Symphonic and Stage Band as a percussionist/ drummer; during his four years in high school, he has participated in numerous performances in All-County Music Festivals; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding role model for his classmates, Matthew Gomes has brought honor to his family, school, and community; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Gomes may stand with pride in his achievements, experiencing the satisfaction of his labors and the joy of his accomplishments, eager to face the challenge of new experiences as he continues his education; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Gomes represents the potential inherent in our most

precious resource, our youth; this Legislative Body is pleased to honor this young man, recognizing his achievements and the promise of his future; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew Gomes.