

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING Samuel W. Johnson, Jr. 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 Samuel W. Johnson, Jr. 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, Samuel W. Johnson, Jr. 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 Middletown High School, Samuel W. Johnson, Jr. will be attending Fredonia University this fall in Fredonia, New York; he plans on majoring in music education and then continuing his education in graduate school; and

WHEREAS, Samuel W. Johnson, Jr. is currently secretary of his senior class, Base 1 Section Leader of the Middletown High School Chamber Choir, held the lead role of Shrek in the high school's musical production last month, is a member of National Honor Society, and is a member of the Middletown High School Pipers, a featured performing group; and

WHEREAS, During his four years in high school, Samuel W. Johnson, Jr. has participated in countless performances including All-County Music Festivals, Area-All-State Music Festivals, and NYSSMA solos; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding role model for his classmates, Samuel W. Johnson, Jr. has brought honor to his family, school, and community; and

WHEREAS, Samuel W. Johnson, Jr. 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, Samuel W. Johnson, Jr. 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 Samuel W. Johnson, Jr. 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 Samuel W. Johnson, Jr.