

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING Ava Mankoo 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 Ava Mankoo 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, Ava Mankoo 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 Minisink Valley High School, Ava Mankoo plans to attend the Fashion Institute of Technology this fall in New York City; she plans to major in fashion design for her first two years and spend her last two years in a specialized major within fashion design; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Ava Mankoo attends pre-college courses at FIT along with managing her own tailoring and clothing business, Mae Mae Couture; during her four years in high school, she has studied fashion merchandising, studio and textiles design, graphic design and illustration, jewelry making and sewing in order to further her career in the arts; and

WHEREAS, Ava Mankoo showcases her portfolios of garments and illustrations at art shows and at course information sessions for parents and students; she has remained on the honor roll all four years of high school; and

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

WHEREAS, Ava Mankoo 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, Ava Mankoo 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 Ava Mankoo 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 Ava Mankoo.