

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING James Granata upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Orange County Interscholastic Athletic Association as a 2018 Senior Scholar-Athlete

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 James Granata upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Orange County Interscholastic Athletic Association as a 2018 Senior Scholar-Athlete; this momentous occasion was celebrated with a Breakfast on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at Kuhl's Highland House, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Academically and athletically, James Granata 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 student at Minisink Valley High School, James Granata has a 98.2 GPA and is ranked 9th in his class; he is a member of the National Honor Society and Future Business Leaders of America, as well as a SOARS Conference participant; in addition, he received the Five Years Perfect Attendance Award; and

WHEREAS, James Granata is a vital member of the Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field, Cross Country and Soccer Teams; he holds the school record in the 3,200 meter and is a state qualifier in cross country; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, James Granata gives tirelessly of his time and energies volunteering with the Minisink Valley PTO, Minisink Valley Middle School child care program and the Salvation Army clothing drive; and

WHEREAS, James Granata plans to attend the Industrial and Labor Relations School at Cornell University where he will also run cross country and track; and

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

WHEREAS, James Granata 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, James Granata 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 James Granata upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Orange County Interscholastic Athletic Association as a 2018 Senior Scholar-Athlete, 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 James Granata.