

Senate Resolution No. 11

**BY:** Senator KAPLAN

**COMMENDING** Valedictorian Olivia Wong and Salutatorian Adithya Krishnan of New Hyde Park Memorial High School, in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments

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

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Valedictorian Olivia Wong and Salutatorian Adithya Krishnan of New Hyde Park Memorial High School, in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS,** Valedictorian Olivia Wong and Salutatorian Adithya Krishnan represent the best of developed potential inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; their achievements have brought enduring honor to their families and communities and should be recognized and saluted; and

**WHEREAS,** A stellar student, a talented musician and artist, and a compassionate person, Olivia Wong, whose interests and strengths are varied, loves science, reading, writing, music and art; she is the principal violinist in the school's orchestra and string ensemble, as well as in the Sewanhaka Central High School District orchestra; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, she participates in the All-County Orchestra and the New York State School Music Association's All-State Symphonic Orchestra; and

**WHEREAS,** Olivia Wong's art has been selected for display in LIU Post's student art gallery and she is the editor-in-chief of the school's newspaper, **The Chariot**; this past year, she and a friend started a virtual tutoring program for students needing assistance due to Covid-19 and raised significant funds which were donated to Island Harvest; and

**WHEREAS,** An intelligent and academically driven student, Adithya Krishnan scored impressively on the Preliminary SAT which earned him the recognition of being a National Merit Commended Student; he is an active member of numerous extracurricular activities, including Science Olympiads, Mathletes and New Hyde Heroes Club; and

**WHEREAS,** Additionally, he serves as the secretary of Spanish Club, and plays piano, trombone and tuba for the Jazz Band, as well as the sousaphone in the marching band; and

**WHEREAS,** Adithya Krishnan is well-versed in ancient South Indian Tamil percussion music and performs with the New York Parai Musical Group, which he and others founded; he has also dedicated countless

hours to volunteer at the Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation in both the physical therapy and occupational therapy departments; and

**WHEREAS,** Valedictorian Olivia Wong and Salutatorian Adithya Krishnan may now stand with pride as they assess their achievements, experience the satisfaction of their labors and the joy of their accomplishments, eager to face the new experiences of a challenging world; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Valedictorian Olivia Wong and Salutatorian Adithya Krishnan of New Hyde Park Memorial High School, in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Valedictorian Olivia Wong and Salutatorian Adithya Krishnan.