

Senate Resolution No. 2301

BY: Senator CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK

HONORING Sir Dr. David Goldberg upon the occasion of being knighted by the renowned Parte Guelfa in Florence, Italy

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sir Dr. David Goldberg upon the occasion of being knighted by the renowned Parte Guelfa in November 2023; and

WHEREAS, A social studies teacher at Sanford H. Calhoun High School in Merrick, New York, Dr. David Goldberg, 42, was recently knighted by an 800-year-old knighthood organization based in Florence, Italy, in recognition of his public service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David Goldberg of Long Beach, New York, was recognized by Parte Guelfa, a knighthood dedicated to environmental preservation; established in 1266 by the Knights of Florence, who received official approval from Pope Clement IV, the knighthood represents a community of distinguished and accomplished people active in sustainable development and building a better world; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David Goldberg attained this most esteemed distinction in November of 2023, at a two-day ceremony in Florence; he was nominated by a friend who is also a knight, Malachi Halliday, of Dubai; other inductees include the former prime minister of Lebanon, an ambassador and the Reverend Bernardo Gianni, spiritual advisor to the pope; and

WHEREAS, The multi-day investiture ceremony included marching through the streets of Florence, past the Duomo to the Basilica Di Santa Croce, where Michelangelo and Dante are buried; Dr. David Goldberg was in full regalia along with other knights and dames; and

WHEREAS, In addition to social studies, Dr. David Goldberg teaches Voices of the Past, a class offered to students in grades 10-12, which is a joint venture between the English and social studies departments; he is also very active in social causes beyond teaching; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to environmental preservation, Dr. David Goldberg is on the board of NGO Sustainability, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting sustainable development and renewable energy that consults with the United Nations; he is also on the President's Leadership Council at the Nobel Prize-nominated Search for Common Ground, the largest organization in the world devoted to ending violence; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he serves as the board vice president of Peace Education Initiative Rwanda and sits on the National Advisory Council at the Center for Civic Education; he is the proud recipient of the Edward Weisband Award for Public Service or Contributions to Public Affairs; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sir Dr. David Goldberg upon the occasion of being knighted by the renowned Parte Guelfa; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sir Dr. David Goldberg.