

BY: Senator MARTINS

COMMENDING Class of 2024 Valedictorian Sofia Martini and Salutatorian Claire Tao of North Shore 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 Class of 2024 Valedictorian Sofia Martini and Salutatorian Claire Tao of North Shore High School, in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, A high-achieving scholar, Sofia Martini has received a myriad of awards, including the Harvard College Book Prize, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal, Bausch and Lomb Science Award, Long Island Science Congress Honors Award, Junior Award for Excellence in Social Studies, American Citizenship Award, and Excellence in Mathematics Department Award; and

WHEREAS, With a goal to pursue a career in the healthcare industry, Sofia Martini is president of National Honor Society, president of Mu Alpha Theta, and a member of the World Language Honor Society and Rho Kappa; she has participated in the Science Research Program and her research attempts to explore genomic diversity and potential virulence factors in the genomes of various *Histophilus somni* strains, which is a gram-negative bacteria that causes systemic disease in bovines; and

WHEREAS, A Varsity Scholar Athlete, Sofia Martini has played on the Varsity Soccer and Lacrosse teams since eighth grade and freshman year respectively; her team recognitions include Varsity Soccer All-County, Varsity Soccer All-County Honorable Mention, and Varsity Lacrosse All-Conference; and

WHEREAS, Volunteering at the local library and in PAL Lacrosse clinics, Sofia Martini received the Community Service Merit Award; and

WHEREAS, Recently recognized as a National Merit Semifinalist, Claire Tao is a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta, National Math Honors Society; and

WHEREAS, Fluent in Mandarin, Claire Tao is high-performing and actively involved in her school; she has a passion for science and has performed her science research at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, focusing on glioblastoma and immune system receptors; and

WHEREAS, Involved in a myriad of extracurricular activities, Claire Tao served as president of the High School Portfolio Club, vice

president of the Micro and Anatomy Club, and a member of the Chamber Orchestra and Mathletes; and

WHEREAS, With a goal to pursue a career in medicine and find a target for glioblastoma, Claire Tao has worked at a physician's clinic and a physical therapy clinic; and

WHEREAS, Valedictorian Sofia Martini and Salutatorian Claire Tao 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, As Valedictorian Sofia Martini and Salutatorian Claire Tao take leave of North Shore High School, they bestow a legacy of academic achievement, school involvement and community service to which others may aspire; and

WHEREAS, Valedictorian Sofia Martini and Salutatorian Claire Tao 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 Class of 2024 Valedictorian Sofia Martini and Salutatorian Claire Tao of North Shore High School, in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Valedictorian Sofia Martini and Salutatorian Claire Tao.