

BY: Senator MARTINS

COMMENDING Class of 2024 Valedictorian Aparna Shibu and Salutatorian Nathaniel Park 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 Class of 2024 Valedictorian Aparna Shibu and Salutatorian Nathaniel Park of New Hyde Park Memorial High School, in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Valedictorian Aparna Shibu and Salutatorian Nathaniel Park 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, Aparna Shibu is a member of the National Science, National Mathematics, National Spanish, National Art and Tri-M Music Honor Societies; she also serves proudly in multiple leadership roles, including as the president of the National Science Honor Society, vice president of the National English Honor Society, co-president of the World Languages Honor Society, vice president of Science Olympiads, president of Students Put an End to Cancer Club (SPEC), digital content editor and secretary of Arena magazine, and co-captain of the Step Team; and

WHEREAS, Aparna Shibu is also a committed member of Math Olympiads; Chariot, the school newspaper; and The Lance, the school yearbook; among her roles outside of school, she is a junior volunteer at North Shore University Hospital and a volunteer at the New Hyde Park Village Hall; and

WHEREAS, With a great passion for science, Aparna Shibu participates in the Science Research Program and has competed annually at regional science fairs, including the Long Island Science Congress; through Science Research, she has also participated in the 2022 Medical Marvels Research Competition and the 2021 Long Island Water Quality Challenge; and

WHEREAS, Nathaniel Park is a dedicated student as is evident in his selection as an AP Scholar with Honors and membership in the Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics, Tri-M Music, Science, World Language, and the English honor societies; due to his high scores on the Preliminary SAT, he was recognized as a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program; and

WHEREAS, This regarded salutatorian is a talented trombone player and is part of the Senior High Band, the Senior High Jazz Band, and Pep Band; furthermore, he has been selected to play trombone in the esteemed Symphonic Band during the 2023 NYSSMA All-State Conference; and

WHEREAS, Nathaniel Park, a talented athlete, is a volleyball player at New Hyde Park High School, serving as captain of the boys' varsity team; along with his dedication to music and athletics, he is a member of SPEC, NHP Seekers, and the Italian Club; he has completed over 100 hours of volunteer time as a tutor and providing assistant coaching, as well; and

WHEREAS, As Valedictorian Aparna Shibu and Salutatorian Nathaniel Park take leave of New Hyde Park Memorial High School, they bestow a legacy of academic achievement, school involvement, and community service to which others may aspire; and

WHEREAS, Valedictorian Aparna Shibu and Salutatorian Nathaniel Park 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 Aparna Shibu and Salutatorian Nathaniel Park 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 Aparna Shibu and Salutatorian Nathaniel Park.