

BY: Senator MARTINS

COMMENDING Class of 2024 Valedictorian Jacob Gross and Salutatorian Cole Goodman of Roslyn 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 Jacob Gross and Salutatorian Cole Goodman of Roslyn High School, in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Earning a grade-point average of 107.05, Jacob Gross is a Top 40 Regeneron Science Talent Search Finalist, National Merit Finalist, a United States Presidential Scholars Program candidate, AP Scholar with Distinction, Captain of the Science Quiz Bowl Team, Vice President of DECA, first chair in the viola section of the chamber orchestra and Head Content Editor for the Journal of Secondary Psychological Studies (JofSPS); and

WHEREAS, With a passion for science, Jacob Gross conducts scientific research to explore the etiology of endometriosis at The Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research at Northwell Health and to test novel SARS-CoV-2 antibody cocktails for synergistic interactions at Columbia University's Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to the community, Jacob Gross volunteers to help the elderly and local community members in need of support; he also works with holocaust survivors through the Witness Project, and tutors students through his non-profit, Tutor for a Cause, which donates all proceeds to local hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Earning a grade-point average of 106.685, Cole Goodman is a National Merit Finalist, a United States Presidential Scholars Program candidate, and an AP Scholar with Distinction; and

WHEREAS, A high-achieving scholar, Cole Goodman serves as president of DECA, president of the Forensics Team, and president of the Stock Market Club; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated and active member of the community, Cole Goodman volunteers to support schoolwide events and for Audubon New York in on-the-ground conservation efforts; he also tutors students through his charitable organization Learn to Donate, which donates all proceeds to causes such as The Humane Society, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, and 333 Charity; and

WHEREAS, In his free time, Cole Goodman works as a personal trainer and marketing manager for BOUT Boxing; and

WHEREAS, Valedictorian Jacob Gross and Salutatorian Cole Goodman 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 Jacob Gross and Salutatorian Cole Goodman take leave of Roslyn High School, they bestow a legacy of academic achievement, school involvement and community service to which others may aspire; and

WHEREAS, Valedictorian Jacob Gross and Salutatorian Cole Goodman 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 Jacob Gross and Salutatorian Cole Goodman of Roslyn High School, in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Valedictorian Jacob Gross and Salutatorian Cole Goodman.