

BY: Senator MARTINS

CONGRATULATING Brian Liu upon the occasion of winning the ScholarSkills Long Island Spelling Bee on March 24, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those young people who, by achieving outstanding success in educational competition, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Brian Liu upon the occasion of winning the ScholarSkills Long Island Spelling Bee on Friday, March 24, 2023, at Half Hollow Hills High School East in Dix Hills, New York; and

WHEREAS, A straight "A" student and spelling bee champion, 11-year-old Brian Liu is a sixth-grade student at Great Neck North Middle School in Great Neck, New York; he enjoys playing the violin and reading Harry Potter books; and

WHEREAS, This astute young scholar won by correctly spelling "Bolognese", defeating 47 of the best spellers from throughout the region; in winning, Brian Liu has earned the honor of representing Long Island in the Scripps National Spelling Bee from May 30-June 1, 2023, in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Brian Liu, in achieving this high honor, may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of excellence he brings to his family, friends, school and region; and

WHEREAS, Educational competitions which serve to better prepare our students for their future participation in the marketplace of ideas are worthy of praise and support; and

WHEREAS, Brian Liu represents the potential inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; his achievements have brought enduring honor to his family and community and should be recognized and saluted; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend students of outstanding character who have shown initiative and a commitment to constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and act as role models of leadership to be emulated by their peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Brian Liu upon the occasion of winning the ScholarSkills Long Island Spelling Bee on March 24, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Brian Liu.